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Plans to Renovate Emerson Advance

by David Sadove '10
News Contributor

As 8 a.m. construction indicates, the face of Hamilton College is drastically changing and while KJ experiences a facelift, Hamilton is already planning for its next opportunity to improve the campus. Plans to renovate Emerson Hall (ELS) into a student union have been floating around since former President Gene Tobin proposed them in 2000. In the past few weeks the Board of Trustees has taken steps to move closer to making this proposal a reality.

President Stewart recently informed the Hamilton community of the Board of Trustees' decision to "enter into contract for design development to renovate and expand Emerson Hall for student activities and the College store." Dean of Students Nancy Thompson said that although there have been plans and proposals for quite some time, this recent decision will provide funding for architects to develop a serious plan. While this new development does not actually call for construction, Dean Thompson believes that, pending additional donations,

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A.G. Lafley '69 and Jeff Little '71 begin their roles as Chairman & Vice-Chairman July 1, 2008.

Trustee Board Elects New Chairman, Vice-Chairman

The Board of Trustees Unanimously Chose Lafley & Little

by Scott Bixby '11
Insights & Ideas Editor

At last week's quarterly meeting of the Hamilton College Board of Trustees in New York City, long-time trustee and Procter & Gamble CEO Alan 'A.G.' Lafley '69 was elected to succeed Stuart Scott '61 as chairman. Jeff Little '71, co-president of tradeshow organizing firm George Little Management, was elected as the new vice-chairman. Both will assume their new posts on the board in the summer.

Lafley, who graduated cum laude from Hamilton in 1969, has served as the president and chief executive officer of consumer-products giant Procter & Gamble since 2000. Lafley has long been associated with Hamilton, and in an exclusive interview with Editor-in-Chief Martin Connor '09, he expressed an interest in creating a closer bond between the Board of Trustees and the Hamilton community.

"I plan on being up on the campus next fall and spending time with students and faculty. I'm going to make sure I can connect with the school. Understanding the needs and wants of the members of the Hamilton community will allow us to provide the best liberal arts education we can."

Lafley is currently one of only two liberal arts graduates heading a Fortune 100 company. After graduating from Hamilton College, Lafley served for five years in the US Navy. Upon earning his MBA from the Harvard

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Health Center Adds Hours

by Meredith Kennedy '09
News Writer

Living in a tight-knit community like Hamilton often makes it hard to control the rapid spread of germs, and to prevent catching whatever sickness your roommate may have. When Airborne, plenty of rest, and at-home remedies are ineffective cures, the next option is to go to the Thomas B. Rudd Health Center. But what happens if your cold strikes you late on Friday afternoon, after the Health Center is already closed? While the Health Center follows the same hours as many other buildings on campus, students who fall ill cannot be seen on the weekends when the Health Center is closed.

For months students have approached Student Assembly hoping for some sort of compromise in their favor in opening the Health Center on the weekends, and the issue has been raised in multiple *Spectator* editorials. According to Director of Health Services Christine Merritt, the Health Center currently operates on the same schedule as most physicians' offices, and has worked the same hours since 1991. However, as the student body continues to

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Hockeytown Celebrates Clinton Hockey History

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Hamilton Capt. Kyle Roulston '09, Alumnus Andrew Burns '78, and Utica Capt. Joe Watson before the game.

by Jared Leslie '09
Sports Writer

Tuesday night in the Sage, the town of Clinton and the Hamilton community participated in the second Annual Hockeytown game. This event is designed to bring the residents of Clinton and the entire Hamilton community together, as well as to collect canned food and donations for the Hope House in Utica. The fans that came out to watch the Hamilton Men's Hockey team and the Utica College Pioneers donated hundreds of cans and $100 that will go to helping the Hope House conduct its crucial work. Each fan that made a food or cash donation was given a Hockeytown shirt, which many said were very well designed.

The sponsors for this year's Hockeytown included the Hamilton College Alumni Office, the Hamilton College Athletics department, Hamilton Point Investment Advisors, and the Student Assembly, specifically the Social Traditions committee. The Social Traditions committee consists of many students that contributed tirelessly to organizing and running Hockeytown.

The committee members include: Alex Caruso '09, Blythe Winchester '08, Bradley Tipper '09, Emily Smith '09, Jennifer Anderson '10, Lauren Tom '10, Lindsay Waterbury '09, Wenxi Li '10, Alexandra Jenik '09, Mariana Vinacur '09, and the two committee chairs are Allison Gaston-Enholm '09 and Katie Childs '08. This event would not have been possible without the key financial support from the Student Assembly. It is important that relations with the Clinton community continue to be strengthened through events like Hockeytown. Thank you to all the members of the organizational team that played a role in putting on a great second Annual Hockeytown.

Hockeytown saw the Continentals go up against Hamilton's rival, the Utica College Pioneers. It was a hard fought battle all three periods with both teams playing physical. After three periods of intense hockey the score was tied 3-3. Joe Buteau '08 and Jake Davis '09

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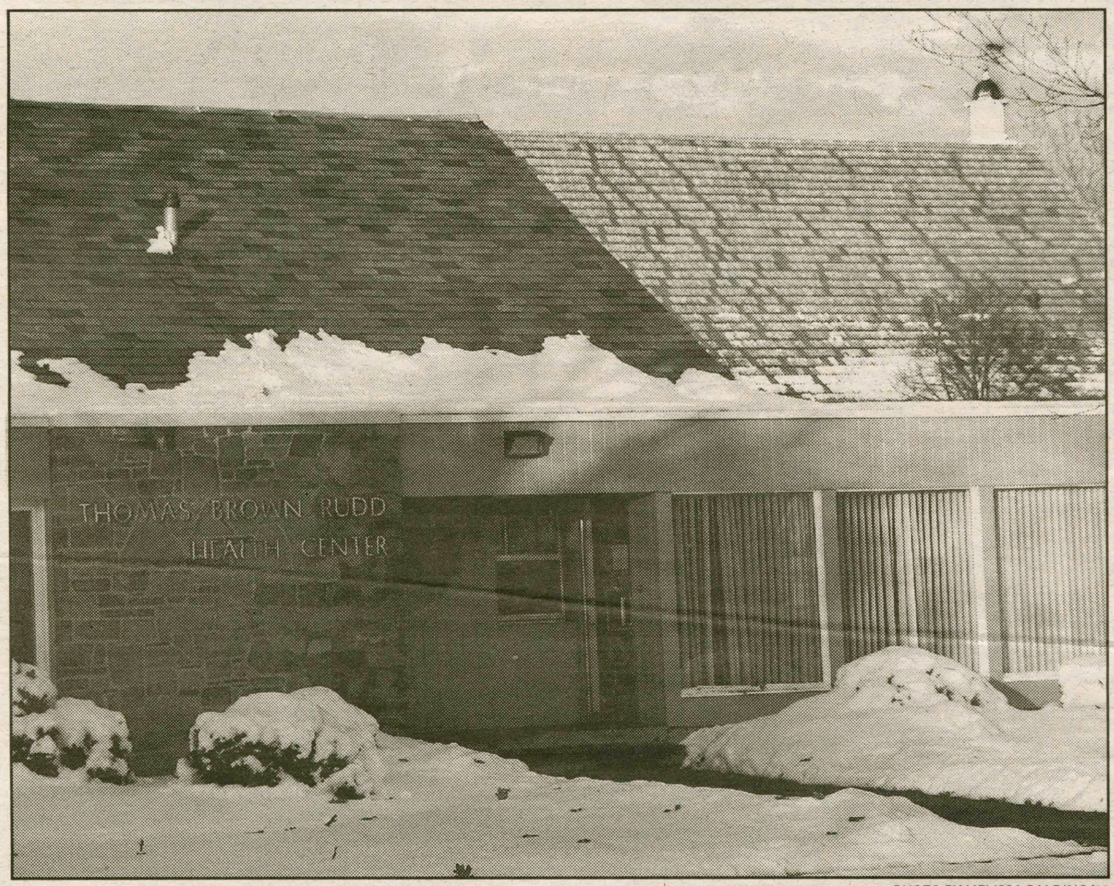

PHOTO BY MELISSA BALDING '09

The HC will be open from noon until 4 p.m. on Saturdays as soon as a nurse is hired.

Health Center Open Saturdays

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increase with each incoming class year, it is becoming increasingly difficult to accommodate all students who are in need of care during the Monday through Friday time slots. Even if a student is sick, they will often not be able to get an appointment.

While the Health Center staff does everything they can to fit in and treat students, the lack of sufficient availability is disheartening for students. Between hectic class schedules, meetings, and sports, it is nearly impossible for students to find spare time to go to the limited appointment times. Fortunately, in case of an emergency, students can call Campus Safety to have the EMTs dispatched, twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. For those instances that may not be emergencies, but require health care, students are often out of luck.

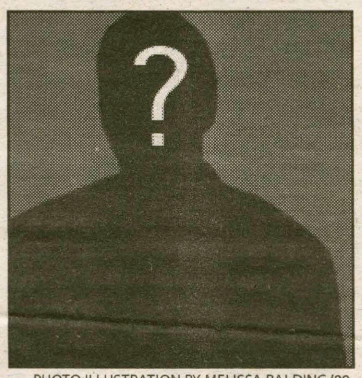
Students are concerned that classmates who are sick on Friday have to wait until Monday, and only if there is an available appointment. In response to this concern, Student Assembly passed a resolution last Saturday urging the College to open the Health Center on weekends, both for the peace of mind and convenience of students. Additionally, Student Assembly took the necessary initiative in responding to these student concerns by discussing possible improvements with President Stewart and Dean of Students Nancy Thompson, who were both very receptive to the issue.

After devoting a lot of time and effort to figuring out the best and most affordable way to address this health care issue, Dean Thompson approved four hours of Registered Nurse staffing on Saturdays from noon to 4 p.m. Because the Health Center is fully booked with appointments throughout the week, the regular staff will not be working. Once a Registered Nurse is hired to fill the position, which Merritt hopes will be by next semester, the extended hours will be implemented as a pilot only. Hopefully the Saturday hours will be successful and allow the health care services at Hamilton to provide more medical treatment to students in need.

While the Hamilton College Health Center has always been dedicated to caring for the students, implementing open hours on Saturday will only increase the extent to which they can help. Fortunately, the administration has responded positively to the requests of the student body and Student Assembly and has created a pilot plan to improve health services. The consensus in the Hamilton community is that this is a step in the right direction and that President Stewart, Dean Thompson, and the Health Center made a good decision.

College Recieves Anonymous $1 Million Donation

by Martin E. Connor '09
Editor-in-Chief



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On Tuesday December 4, 2007 Hamilton College announced receipt of an anonymous one million dollar gift to establish a need-based scholarship for first generation college students.

"The generosity and foresight of these donors reflect the strength of the Hamilton community and help the College to provide talented young people with the opportunity to have a fine liberal arts education regardless of financial need," said Hamilton College President Joan Hinde Stewart in a Hamilton College press release. "As the first member of my family to attend college, I am deeply moved by this gift."

In the same press release, Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid Monica Inzer explained that "more than half of our students are on financial aid, and our average financial aid package is nearly $30,000."

"Remaining a school of opportunity is a top priority for Hamilton," Inzer continued. "As we consider the changing demographics for high school graduates over the coming decade, it is clear that we will need to enhance our scholarship support to sustain that legacy."

The anonymous endowment was given by a Hamilton College trustee and his wife. Although they asked to remain anonymous, they did express their hope that other alumni will recognize the importance of giving back to Hamilton and follow their lead in contributing to scholarship opportunities for Hamilton students. The gift will undoubtedly benefit first generation students at Hamilton for generations to come.

Board of Trustees Approves Emerson Hall Student Union

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the construction of a new center is extremely likely. If the project receives more donors, construction could begin as soon as summer 2009.

Many community members and alumni view Hamilton's commitment to diversity as a top priority. According to the administration, the new student center will serve as a "center for all." Dean Thompson recalls that in other student unions, art and design are used to celebrate diversity and create a "sense of internationalism." As this project is still very early in the design phase, there are no specific plans as to how this will be implemented at Hamilton, but clearly the administration is consulting students and will remain open to suggestions.

Following the Board's decision to renovate, many students expressed their excitement over the future of this project, and also wondered why it has taken so long. Dean Thompson explained that it has not been easy for the community to decide on how the area encompassing the Farmhouse, Beineke and Emerson Hall could best be used to serve the students. Past proposals have either been too large in scope or have relegated spaces to isolation. The goal of the current project is to properly integrate the available space and make the area in the center of campus vital to student life.

Part of the proposal involves moving the College Store to the new student union. This will allow students not only faster access to Hamilton logo bottle openers, but will also provide visitors easier way to take home a reminder of Hamilton. Moving the store would change the role of the Bristol Center on campus. However, the guest rooms and meeting spaces used by student organizations will remain. These meeting spaces already available in Bristol, along with the new campus center, will provide ample space for student organizations to effectively serve the community.

There is still much work in the development of the renovation project, but Dean Thompson "looks forward to the next steps." She expressed a sentiment mirrored by many in the Hamilton community, as she said that progress toward this renovation is "really exciting and it will be great."

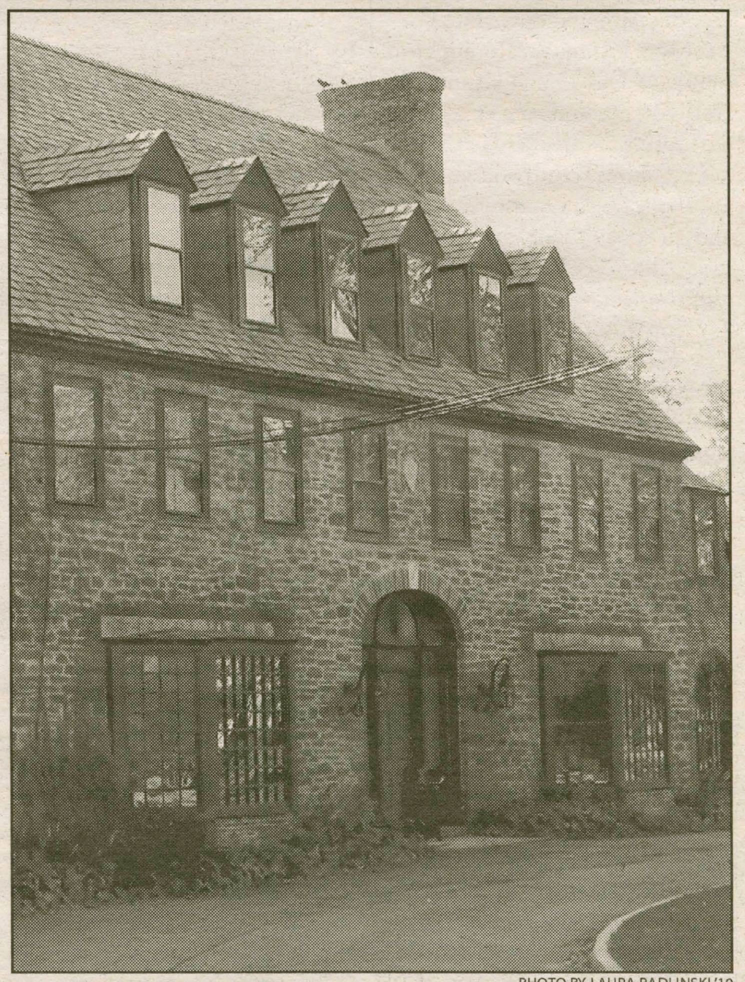

PHOTO BY LAURA RADLINSKI '10

Design development for renovation plans to turn Emerson Hall (ELS) in a Student Union are now being researched.

Lafley & Little Elected to Board for Two Years

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Business School, Lafley began his three-decade long career with P&G, revitalizing the company after his election as CEO. The company recently reported the highest profits in its 170-year history, and this week Lafley was named as one of Fortune's Power 25, a list of the most powerful businesspeople in the world.

One of Lafley's more notable accomplishments during his tenure as CEO has been the growing prominence of diversity at the corporation. P&G was one of the first major corporations to offer health benefits to same-sex couples, and the number of women and minority vice-presidents, and general managers at Procter & Gamble has doubled in the past five years. Regarding the importance of increasing diversity and tolerance on the Hill, Lafley stated that "my whole life I've been committed to tolerance and diversity… I think we've made some real improvement in terms of student body makeup, and I think we will have to continue to improve that."

Lafley added, "But it will not be sufficient until we get to the point where everyone is truly tolerant not just in mind, but in heart, and everyone is included and welcomed and accepted as part of community for who they are with all their difference and uniqueness. It is a high standard but it is the kind we ought to set at Hamilton."

The Hamilton College Board of Trustees serves as one part of the tripartite 'shared governance' system within Hamilton College, with the other branches being the Office of the President and the faculty. Responsibilities are divided up between the branches as related to their function; budgetary and financial matters fall under the purview of the Board of Trustees, as well as the confirmation of new college presidents and advising current president Joan Hinde Stewart on various actions within the executive branch of the college's government. As chairman, Lafley will preside at meetings of the Board, as well as serve as an officer on all committees within the Board, and appropriate the members of those committees.

According to Meredith Harper-Bonham, executive assistant to President Stewart and secretary for the Board of Trustees, the qualifications and requisite attributes for potential trustees can be summed up in the Three W's: Wealth, Wisdom, and Work. Wealth does not necessarily mean pure financial security, but a wealth of experience and familiarity with the college and its functions. This ties in with the necessary wisdom to make decisions that greatly affect the college, and the necessary work ethic to make the lofty goals of the school a reality.

Lafley has asserted that one of the major goals for his chairmanship is to explore scholarship and financial aid within the structure of the college. Currently, Hamilton College only awards no-pay financial aid through endowed scholarships or state and federal programs. Lafley, who himself had a "modest scholarship" at both Hamilton and graduate school, sees awarding scholarships as "one of the big challenges for the college… to figure out how we can put ourselves in a position to make a liberal arts education available to everyone."

Jeff Little, a Hamilton College graduate of the class of 1971, has served as a trustee since 1993, and has served as the chair of both recent capital campaigns for the school. The combined total amount raised for Hamilton under his leadership is over two hundred and seventy-nine million dollars, with the Excelsior campaign only $4 million shy of its $175 million dollar goal.

The combination of business aptitude and an intimate familiarity with the functions and needs of Hamilton College offered by both Lafley and Little indicate a move by the Trustees to stress the importance of both diversity and financial growth in the college's future.

Fellow member of the Board and College President Joan Hinde Stewart appears delighted at the unanimous decision. "A.G. Lafley and Jeff Little, innovators, leaders and trendsetters in their professions, assume stewardship of a college well positioned to make even greater strides," said President Stewart.

A.G Lafley and Jeff Little will both serve one two-year term, and assuming the college's growth and success continue under their leadership, will be allowed to serve the school for multiple terms.

Spectator Exclusive Interview

Proctor & Gamble CEO Alan 'A.G.' Lafley '69

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Interview by Martin E. Connor '09
Editor-in-Chief

Questions by Martin E. Connor
Editor-in-Chief
Scott Bixby '11
Insights & Ideas Editor

You graduated from Hamilton College in 1969 cum laude with honors in History. What was the most significant lesson you learned while on the Hill, and how did your experience at Hamilton equip you for life?

I think there were three major things. One is that I learned how to think, how to write, and how to communicate, that's probably the biggest thing. The classes were small, the courses were for the most part challenging, and they just didn't tolerate lazy thinking. That was a big plus. The best year for me by far was my junior year in France. I was born in a small town in New Hampshire and grew up in upstate New York, and except for a few years during high school that I spent in Chicago, I lived a very small town life. Every year I was involved in some leadership role at Hamilton, and I think I learned how to take responsibility and initiative, and work well with others of both similar and different opinions. I learned how to get things done. I served as president of my sophomore class and as an officer in my fraternity, among other leadership positions. Hamilton gives you a chance to do that.

You have served as both an Alumni and Charter Trustee. During your tenures, what issues have you felt to be most important for Hamilton and how would you assess Hamilton's handling of these issues?

I'll only speak to ones that I was involved in personally. I think the first big issue I was involved in was admissions. There were two big issues: how do we attract even stronger students and how do we attract even more diverse students. I think the college has done a good job with this over the last ten years. Every class has been stronger than the last. My feeling is that our students are as strong as any students at the top ten schools in the country. That was a very conscious strategy to improve our admissions. Second was social and residential life. That was obviously tremendously controversial when it was started. I'm sure it's not perfect but we were trying to strike a balance. I'm glad we preserved the fraternity and sorority system but I'm also glad that we opened up other alternatives, including living off the Hill. We've tried to bring more of the outside world to Hamilton. Lastly, I was a fan of the open curriculum and I am a fan of emphasis on thinking, research, writing and speaking, and I think the college has moved in the right direction there as well.

At Proctor and Gamble, you helped pioneer the idea of "branding" various products: increasing the product's perceived value to the customer and thereby increasing the status of the brand in the marketplace. How can you translate that success to building Hamilton's visibility and reputation while serving as chair to the board of trustees?

It's too soon for me to really know what will translate and what won't, but I do believe, not just in my industry but also in a lot of industries, and in life in general, that a brand or a reputation is important. There are obviously some perception components, but there are some reality components too. For example, Tide isn't America's favorite laundry detergent because of perception, it has been, since 1946, the best laundry detergent you can buy. It's trusted by half of families in America. The one thing I'm sure of is that if we keep working on the few thing that matter to students and to other critical stake holders like faculty and alumni, we will continue to enhance and improve the reputation of the college.

The number of women and minority vice-presidents and general managers at Procter & Gamble has doubled in the past five years. How do you feel that diversity can be increased at Hamilton and what measures do you feel should be taken to resolve current issues related to diversity and intolerance on the Hill?

I will just say my whole life I've been committed to tolerance and diversity. My preferred term is inclusion; it's accepting and including everyone in the community. I think we've made some real improvement in terms of student body makeup, and I think we will have to continue to improve that. But it will not be sufficient until we get to the point where everyone is truly tolerant not just in mind, but in heart, and everyone is included and welcomed and accepted as part of community for who they are with all their difference and uniqueness. It is a high standard but it is the kind we ought to set at Hamilton. I am aware that there were incidents recently, but not of the specifics. I have no tolerance for intolerance nor for physically aggressive and verbally abusive behavior. An open, accepting, and inclusive environment: that is what a liberal arts education is all about; freedom in its purest form to explore and to try things and to become the best you can be as an individual and to figure out how to become an included and productive part of the community.

What direction do you feel Hamilton must take in the coming two years and beyond, and how will you help steer Hamilton to meet these directional objectives?

I think there are a lot of things going reasonably well. Where things are going well and where we have strength, we need to build from our core strengths, and pick the few areas where we can make a big improvement and go after them. One area I am particularly interested in is scholarship and financial aid. I had a modest scholarship at Hamilton and both times I went to graduate school, one time on a full fellowship, and the other on financial aid and loan money. Many times the barrier for a student to get the education they want is money. One of the big challenges for the college is to figure out how we can put ourselves in a position to make a liberal arts education available to everyone.

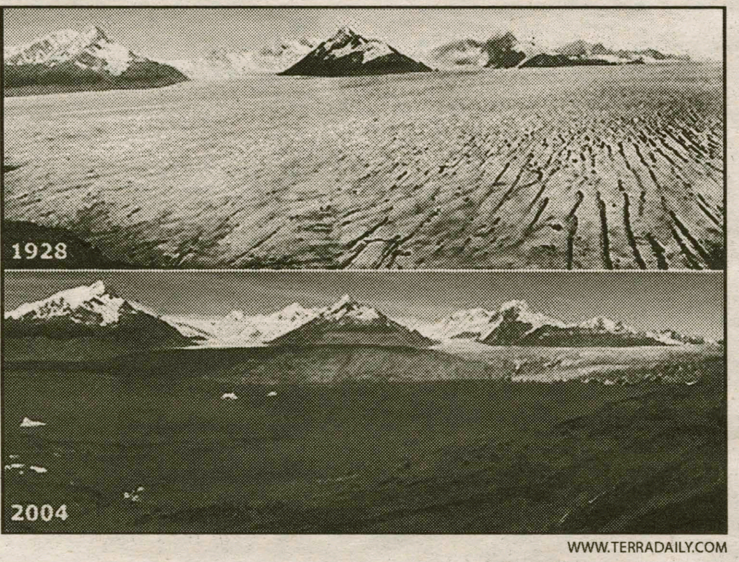
And finally, do you have any words that you would like to share with the local Hamilton community?

I've spent 31 years being passionate and full on at Proctor and Gamble and I'm looking forward to spending the next couple of years being passionate and full on for Hamilton. Also, I plan on being up on the campus next fall and spending time with students and faculty. I'm going to make sure I can connect with the school, and understanding the needs and wants of the members of the Hamilton community will allow us to provide the best liberal arts education we can.

Mock US Senate Hearing on Environmental Issues

by Alicia Wright '10
News Writer

Thirteen senators met Wednesday afternoon to view presentations from climatologists, economists, political scientists, ethicists, and several interest groups. However, the climate change hearing did not actually occur on Capitol Hill, but in the Red Pit. Students of Government 285: Introduction to Environmental Politics held a mock Senate hearing to discuss climate change, including subjects from transition in fuels from oil to renewable energy. Professor Peter Cannavo, Visiting Assistant Professor of Government, organized the hearing as a way "to teach the students the issue of climate change, to make them appreciate its complexity, and to give them some idea of how the policymaking process works."



In the span of 76 years the Upsala glacier in Patagonia went from being covered in ice, to having only snowy peaks.

Majority Leader Sarah Bryant '08 and Minority Leader Emily Goughary '09 led the climate hearing. Senators emulated real-life senators and represented thirteen states, including Iowa, Alaska, Louisiana, and New Hampshire. They voiced the concerns on climate change that affect their constituencies. Katie Goodwin '08, Democratic senator from Louisiana, mentioned the crisis with Hurricane Katrina and her state's concern with coastal issues related to climate change. Kevin Bancroft '08, Republican senator of Alaska, spoke on how Alaska feels strong effects of climate change but raised concern that many groups are ignoring an energy crisis.

Four expert groups made extensive presentations to update all of the senators and give several views of the climate crisis. Climatologists Jessy Gelber '09, Taylor Brady '08, and Molly Kane '09 presented evidence of global warming and climate change, focusing on a case study of Africa. Ethicists Elizabeth Kessler '10 and Heidi Clark '08 discussed moral issues and distributive justice related to climate change. The political scientists and economists also offered information during the hearing.

After the experts' discussions, each senator had the opportunity to question the four groups, and related the information back to their individual states. After a brief break, the second portion of the session began with presentations from many interest groups. This portion of the hearing focused more on the political issues of climate change. Discussions on who should have to bear the changes and at what cost ignited debate between senators and interest groups.

After the hearing the senators wrote two bills to be voted on Friday during their regular class meeting. Several reporters from the class covered the hearing. They published the first edition Tuesday to give an overview of the hearing and will publish the second edition this weekend to discuss the results of the hearing.

The students of the class took the mock Senate hearing very seriously. Corinne Bancroft '10 was very impressed by how every group came together to form a successful hearing. Stephen Okin found the testimonies of the experts and interest groups strongly researched, which led to successful discussions of well-informed individuals. Professor Cannavo was impressed with the students' presentations and the tough questions posed by the senators.

The students will discuss the outcome of their hearing today in class when the Senators vote on their two bills. This will bring a close to the fourth year of Senate hearings on climate change by Government 285.

The SA Update

A biweekly report on the Hamilton College Student Assembly

SA News:

-Congratulations to Student Assembly President-elect Stephen Okin and Vice President-elect Will Bauder.
-Starting in January, the Health Center will be open on Saturdays.
-For a one-time set-up fee of $150 with no additional costs, the Student Assembly voted to add the following channels to our cable system: ESPNU, Big Ten Network, National Geographic, Oxygen, Logo, TV-1, and Sleuth.
-Over winter break, the Facilities Committee will survey students about path drainage and maintenance and report its findings to the Student Assembly.
-As always, the weekly minutes contain more detailed news.

The President's Report:

Thank you for giving current Vice President Ryan Messier, former Vice President Martin Connor, and me the opportunity to represent you over the past year. I am proud of what the Student Assembly's hard working cabinet members, committee chairs, and elected representatives have accomplished. Here are a few of their accomplishments:

Starting in January, the Health Center will be open on Saturdays.

The SA is working hard to get McEwen open for breakfast on the weekends. The project is still moving forward. We hope the College and Bon Appetite will find a reasonably affordable way to offer weekend breakfasts in McEwen.

As requested by the SA, the College permanently extended the deadline for declaring a course Credit/No Credit from the fourth to the seventh class day of the semester, effectively giving students three extra days to exercise the Credit/No Credit option.

The Diversity & Accessibility Committee, formerly an inactive committee, has enjoyed two incredibly successful and productive semesters.

Over the past year, the Student Assembly amended its Constitution and Bylaws to shape a more transparent, responsive, and efficient student government.

Yours,

Stuart Lombardi
President of the Student Assembly

Twelve Utica High-schoolers Find Their Voices

The Hamilton Theater Department teams with Utica teenagers for The Utica Spotlight Express, which opens December 14.

by Amy Tannenbaum '10
News Contributor

What is life like for a Utica high school student? The new theatrical production, The Utica Spotlight Express, featuring 12 students from Proctor High School, will tell you just that. The production opens December 14 at 8 p.m. in Hamilton College's own Minor Theatre.

Sponsored by a partnership among the Family Nurturing Center of CNY, Rivers and Kemp Productions, Shannon Stanfield, Central New York Community Arts Council, The Hamilton College Theatre Department, and Hamilton's Untitled-at-Large theatre group, The Utica Spotlight Express is a community outreach project researched, written, and inspired by young people from Utica. It is designed to empower these students and give them a voice through theatrical performance. Stanfield, a 2007 graduate of Hamilton and former ACCESS student, has been working with the students since May of this year.

"We started recruiting from the Boys and Girls club in Utica, the Underground Café, and Reverend Kemp's church. Reverend Kemp actually walked James Street, asking kids if they were interested in the project," said Stanfield. The only criteria are that the students are at least 12 years of age, enrolled in high school or middle school, live in Utica, and are interested in acting, working and learning together to create this project.

After the group was assembled, Stanfield taught students how to research, conduct personal interviews, and develop playwriting skills. Stanfield then worked with students to transform their research and stories into play form.

Stanfield said, "The text itself comes from actual testimony. Every bit comes from them – stories they told me and stories they brought back after interviewing. Every story comes from a Utica resident and a high school student."

Lindsey Pearlman '08 spearheaded the effort to secure funding, and took charge of acting workshops for the first part of the semester. This semester the focus is on acting. The high school group comes to Hamilton every Tuesday and Thursday night to work with Stanfield and a group of Hamilton College theatre students. Hamilton students act as mentors, some directing pieces and others acting. The group of Utica high school students and Hamilton students rehearses for a couple of hours before having dinner together in McEwen.

"This is my favorite after-school activity," said Cynthia Monroe, a junior at Proctor High School and one of the show's featured actors. "We have fun, but we also work hard. We're all here for this one purpose." She added, "The monologues all deal with teens speaking their minds. We want to open the community up to understanding what we do on a daily basis. We are open to and bound to do things they tell us we can't do, things they don't think we can do."

Stanfield, who grew up in Cornhill and attended Proctor High School, feels a special personal connection to the piece, and hopes that the production will create awareness and push against stereotypes. Stanfield said, "Even though I know the show will be great, the students' process is more important to me than the final product. I want them to know they have a voice, and that they can use it."

The Utica Spotlight Express will be playing in Minor Theatre on December 14 and 15 at 8 p.m. Admission is free. Call (315) 859-4057 for reservations.

THE SPECTATOR

Over the past year The Spectator has come a long way. Since the start of my tenure as Editor-in-Chief, marked by a colorless first issue that came out nearly five hours late, The Spectator has not only grown more aesthetically pleasing, but has had the honor of reporting and commenting on the issues of great importance to the Hamilton community, such as the recent incidents of assault, the various ongoing and future constructions projects underway on the Hill, and the elimination of Hamilton's merit scholarship program, to name only a few. Most impressive of all, however, is the perseverance and commitment of each and every member of *The Spectator* staff. It is nearly impossible to convey the patience and dedication required of each and every person who makes this publication possible, and considering that we are all first and foremost students, this feat is even more spectacular. Thus I owe tremendous thanks to everyone who devotes their time to *The Spectator* each and every week, from the editors to the writers: without you The Spectator could not exist.

Erin, as layout manager you went above and beyond your duties, and for that I am immensely grateful. As managing editor you have shown unmatched devotion to this publication and it has shown on every page of every issue. I honestly can't fathom where we would be without you.

Mallory, you have been working hard for The Spectator since your outset as a Features writer, and have continued to display a passion for your work unmatched in sincerity. As Features Editor you worked tirelessly to great ends, and as a News Editor, you have held fast against all better reason. Firstly, I thank you for your perseverance and secondly, I can't tell you how proud I am of what you have accomplished, hopefully you have realized the extent of your potential.

Ezra, it's been a pleasure to work with you. You've stuck through on the late nights and always kept a cheerful attitude, something that is invaluable in a stressful work environment. I look forward to continuing to work with you next semester, and assure you that the fire on the mountain will never, ever go out.

Bianca and Rebekah, you have both worked consistently for this paper since you arrived on campus. Both of your have demonstrated thorough commitment and each of you has brought great things to Features, whether is be soliciting From Where I Sit writers or ensuring that the beauty and fashion columns are done each week. Thank you for your hard work.

David, your presence in the office is always a pleasure. Your witty confabulation and intricate knowledge of grammar makes you a unique asset to this paper. Thank you for everything you've done.

Pat, you have been the epitome of reliable this year and have managed the Insights and Ideas section with admirable aptitude. As a member of the editorial board you have always offered insight and guidance into The Spectator's handling of major and controversial issues. We will miss you next semester and wish you the best of luck at Oxford.

Nicole and Ashley, you both poured your hearts into the Arts and Entertainment section. I was very sorry to see you go, but I know that a number of other organization are very lucky to have more of your time now.

Elijah and Kate, you have done wonders with the Science and Technology section. A year ago, Science and Technology struggled to fill one page, now we can hardly keep you out, and your content is always beyond print-worthy.

Lindsay and Brandon, you have held the Sports Section to the same standards that it had when you inherited it, and considering your predecessor, that says a lot. Keep up the great, and I mean *great*, work.

Jerome, you sleep too much and mess around, but when something goes wrong or something needs attention, you're the first to handle it (and probably the only one who can). Your presence is invaluable.

Rebecca and Jacob, both of you have demonstrated excellent ability and produced great work both as writers and as editors. I am relieved to know that Arts and Entertainment is in such capable hands and I look forward to seeing where you take the section in the future.

Melissa, you are always there when we need you, and even though you take more grief than anyone on staff, and take it from everyone on staff, you are always here with a smile on your face and you make the work atmosphere a pleasure of which to be a part.

Scott, you are fairly new to the staff, but already you have shown yourself to be a skillful writer. It will be a merit to have you on staff.

Thank you as well to Sharfi, Henry, Nora, Justin, Bill, Sean, Sitanshu, and Ben.

And to everyone else who devotes their time to The Spectator: you do a great service not only to this paper, but to the Hamilton community as a whole. Be proud of your work.

Lastly, I offer my thanks to the Hamilton community. Without you this paper would have no reason to exist. We thank you for your loyal readership, and your helpful feedback.

Here's to a great year behind, and another ahead!

Sincerely,
Marty Connor

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Talk of Intolerance and Diversity Overblown

by Tim Minella '09
Insights & Ideas Contributor

We have heard a lot about intolerance this semester. However, I believe the reaction to this intolerance has been misguided. We should review the various incidents that have plagued our campus.

So far, we have three major confirmed incidents of prejudice against students at Hamilton. First, someone wrote "I hate n*****s" on a student's car. As far as we know, no one witnessed this vandalism, and no one has come forward to claim responsibility. Second, a group of men in a white Dodge Caravan accosted a student on South Campus Drive, spat on him, and made derogatory remarks about sexual orientation. A cross-check of the car's license plate number with the database of cars on campus revealed that the car did not belong to a student or faculty member. Third, a group of men showed up at an Annex party and made homophobic remarks. According to *The Spectator*, an eyewitness at the scene said that he did not recognize the men as Hamilton students.

So, to review, we have two incidents where the perpetrators, in all probability, were *not* Hamilton students. We have another incident where the perpetrator is unknown. Other than these incidents, we have anonymous reports made on the Hamilton website about various incidents of intolerance. I do not mean to impugn the honesty of those making these reports, but until the alleged harassers are allowed to defend themselves, we cannot regard these anonymous reports as evidence of a generally prejudicial environment.

We should all make an effort to be sensitive and welcoming to everyone on this campus. We all can do better at getting out of our comfort zones and meeting people of various backgrounds. But I object to the blanket denouncement of the campus environment and the insistence that the Hamilton big shots do something about "diversity." Instead of running to the teacher to demand that they do something about the bullies, why don't we actually, you know, *talk* to those whose behavior we find objectionable? Just a hunch, but I think this simple act will go a lot further to improve the environment than grandiose schemes like a new cultural center and a more "diverse" faculty.

And here we must be especially careful. President Stewart, writing in the *Spectator*, stated, "I foresee a future in which Hamilton will become – inevitably and gratefully – ever more diverse." I ask President Stewart a simple question: What exactly does she mean when she says Hamilton will become more diverse? Is she concerned with diversity of skin color, nationality, religious affiliation, and sexual orientation? Or is she concerned with diversity of ideology, viewpoint, expertise, and methodology? Or is it diversity of some other criteria? I cannot overstate the importance of the answer to this question, and a simple "all of the above" response will not do. As students who pay large sums to study here, we deserve to know specifically what the administrations goals for "diversity" are.

> "This entire issue has, I believe, been blown out of proportion."

If the administration seeks to foster diversity of thought and discussion, sign me up for the task force. We should undoubtedly try to bring people together who think differently about various issues, and thus offer students a varied scholastic discourse. However, if the goal is simply diversity of ethnicity for the purposes of proudly claiming a certain percentage of non-white students and faculty, then I strongly oppose this course of action. Race is a value-neutral characteristic. No one is inherently more qualified or less qualified to study or teach here because of his or her race. For faculty hiring purposes, the standards for an offer of employment should be teaching competence, scholastic ability, and uniqueness of thinking. The administration should hire the best person for the job *regardless of race*. If race enters into the equation at all, then the administration has put its need for multicultural bona fides before the interests of students, who pay over $40 thousand a year to learn here.

And that, my friends, is the crucial point. Hamilton College exists first and foremost to give its students a top-notch liberal arts education. We students are here to *learn*. Kye Lippold's article in last week's issue stated that the SJI's proposals will "[transform] Hamilton into a place that leads the way in creating a world we want to live in." With respect to my colleague, I do not believe a college should entertain any such pompous notions of "changing the world." The college should empower its students to pursue their own goals and interests. It should not force some vision of how the world should be changed down its students' throats. I have battled Kye at the Republican-Democratic debate and at the Publius Society. Though Kye raises interesting points that force me to reexamine my own ideas, I am quite certain that his and my visions of a better world are very different. The college should focus on imparting knowledge to its students, not changing the world.

However, Kye argues that diversity is *essential* to succeed in today's globalized world. Perhaps, from a purely self-interested perspective, we need to learn about various cultures to effectively function in society. Kye claims, "Understanding every type of diversity, including race, gender, sexual orientation, ability, socio-economic

see **Campus**, *page 8*

Thumbs up

Joan delegating everyone else to solve our diversity crisis. Bien hecho Senora!

ELS basement: Making raves look like a middle school prom.

Taste the Rainbow: Time to make Grandpa spin in his grave!

Hanukah: 8 nights, bitch. Enough said. (Sarah is Jewish in case you didn't know.)

Bills beat Redskins: Apparently the Bills can only win when it destroys the memory of a dead person. Yay!

Living on a rotation of five shirts and two pairs of jeans all semester.

Thumbs down

Teacher evaluation forms: If you really cared about my opinion, Hans Broedel would still be teaching here.

Clam pizza: Do you really expect me to eat that? Does it look like I have a death wish?

Power outage on the Dark Side: How ironic!

One-ticket election: How did write-in candidate Homer Simpson fail to gain traction?

Exam complaints: Guess what? We all have exams, we all have papers, and I seriously don't care about yours.

Steve going abroad: No witty comment, just tears.

Reconciliation

We've been pretty mean this year and since I will be in Australia next semester, we are going to take this opportunity to reconcile some unfortunate confrontations we've had. First of all, The Continental is not racist; they're just super good at being white, and that's not their fault. Secondly, STAND has found a cause (however obscure and unimportant) to be passionate about, and they should not be ridiculed for their silly dreams. Finally, Capoeria is not the worst thing in the world. They can do terrific cartwheels that we can't do, and that is admirable. Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah, and have a f***ing fantastic Kwanzaa.

by Stephen Allinger '09 & Sarah Cornblath '08

Thumbs Up/ Thumbs Down Applicants

Steve Allinger is going abroad next semester, so Sarah Cornblath needs some help writing Thumb Up/Thumbs Down. Below are the applicants' sample columns. Want to have a say in who gets to do it? Send an e-mail to specii@hamilton.edu and tell us what you think. Get your comments in by Sunday, and make sure to include the number of the column.

1

Thumbs up

ATX Blood Drive: It's ironic because you're all vampires.

Men's Rugby: A tenth of the funding, a tenth of the suck.

Thanksgiving: If it's boring, you can always just come out.

Capoeira: You know, just for a change.

Thumbs down

The College Bookstore's return policy: How am I supposed to afford my beer and pot?

Having sex with your Darkside window open: Etta Jenks was much better.

Not calling the new all campus card "The Cont Card" (say it out loud).

Commons Caesar Salad Bar: Like genital warts, it doesn't go away.

Snow: Al Gore came and lied to us.

Family Weekend: Having to lie to mom about knowing where the Career Center is.

Who Cares

Pizza Place Pizza: Is it ever really the same?

Left-over sketchy Halloween Candy: Believe it or not, candy corn gets better with age.

1

2

Thumbs up

New trail to the Glen: Weed-smokers, rejoice. Now that you've found your stash you've been hiding since Family Weekend, enjoy the easier access to your favorite smoking ground.

Thanksgiving break: I ate so much that I was as full as the whole milk machine in Commons.

Wiping out in front of Commons: It's still not as embarrassing as wearing lime green with pink at dinner.

Thumbs down

Citrus Bowl T-shirts: How can we make fun of the Wesleyan goalie's sexuality if we're wearing salmon?

The girls running the table not letting me get an extra shirt.

Western Connecticut State: Congratulations, you beat our soccer team, now pump my gas!

Taking longer than six seconds to butter your whole-wheat toast at Commons breakfast.

Who Cares

Humans vs. Zombies: I'm only showing up for the free nerf gun.

Last week of classes: Sorry, Professor, I'm too busy writing a ridiculous 10 page paper to go to your class.

2

3

Thumbs up

Humans vs. Zombies: Finally a reason to use the nerf gun I've had since I was five.

Hanukkah: Eight presents and a party in the chapel...sign me up.

"Two girls one cup": Helping all freshman girls on the way to bulimia.

Free lube in the Health Center: A perfect gift for everyone.

Thumbs down

D-Phi Champagne Party: All I wanted was champagne; all I got was hit on by sketchy fraternity brothers.

Special K's Holiday Concert: I no longer believe in Santa.

Writer's Strike is depriving me of all the shows that matter: Desperate Housewives, Ugly Betty and Bionic Women.

Roomates: If I walk in on you masturbating one more time, I'm gonna make Meatspin your homepage again.

Who Cares

Dark Side Blackouts: Stop your bitching, it's called the 'dark side' for a reason.

SA President and Vice President. Nobody else wants the job, so take it

Other applicants for TU/TD: Bitch please!

Swim team beats Hartwick! We have a swim team?

3

4

Thumbs up

Making plans for Christmas break: While your at it, stock up on the most important one, Plan B!

Snow drifts: One more place to hide that stolen Colgate map (cough, rugby team, cough).

Thumbs down

"Loose Power": Thanks for warning me National Grid, the last thing I need is an STD from my light switch.

Streaking in the dining halls: Gives new meaning to the other white meat.

Who Cares

Humans vs. Zombies: Is it really a good idea to arm the Dark Side with Nerf guns and give them an excuse to kill all the "normal" people?

Rugby Welcoming: Did The Continental put you up to those neo-Nazi buzz cuts?

4

A Case of the Gimme Gimmes

by Halley Allaire '08
Insights & Ideas Coumnist

The holidays! For college students, it's that special week-long time of the year when we emerge from the campus bubble to find the world covered in holly and bows. After the last final, we throw open the doors like Scrooge born anew with hope and joy. You there! Boy! What day is today? Today, sir? Why, it's Winter Break Day! Why then, we haven't missed it after all!

If the joy at another chance to spend time with friends and family and to start fresh next semester doesn't have you caroling in the streets, perhaps you are home for one reason and one reason alone. Presents. *Glorious presents!* HA-HAHAHA! iPods and Xboxes and new skis, and best of all, MONEY!

But this is wrong. You aren't supposed to talk about that. So, here are some ways to avoid sounding like a spoiled brat while greedily counting the presents hidden in your parent's closet and marking off the days on your calendar with a dollar sign:

Be the first to suggest putting on the holiday music. Steal the Nutcracker Suite or Charlie Brown's Christmas CDs from your mother's car and start playing them during every family meal. If you celebrate with a tree, insist that everyone decorate together with the music. Reminisce about every ornament and where it came from. If you celebrate with a menorah, try the George Winston "December" CD or keep that one secular holiday song you can find on repeat and play with your dreidels. In either case, everyone should be sure to light a fire in the fireplace and take hot cocoa breaks. Not only will this brighten everyone's mood, this will ensure your place as holiday enthusiast. Tell them (in the loudest way you can) that you're here for the love of the season, not presents.

Get into the kitchen. The way to everyone's heart is through their tummy, so be sure to take advantage of this gravy train. But be a savvy greed monster. Getting up at 6 a.m. to make everyone eggs and pancakes and muffins and possibly even a quiche will raise suspicion. Never look like you're trying too hard. Seemingly naturally sweet kids get the loot. Instead, try making cookies. Time them to come out of the oven just as Dad gets home. Dad loves chocolate chip cookies. And help mom with the dishes after dinner. Load all the dinner plates into the dishwasher. This way, the mess will seem substantially reduced, but you will actually have done nothing. Mom will take care of the big pots while you go catch the new ABC Holiday Special.

Make peace with the siblings. If little bro and big sis get wise to your trickery, you may have to cut them in on the deal. Do this only as necessary, because if every child is an angel, no child shines brighter. If you do find yourself wrestled to the ground and white washed without mercy, the game is up. Luckily the winter presents a multitude of daily tasks everyone can share. Shovel the front walk. Stock the woodpile next to the fireplace. Play with the family dog outside. If, God help you, you have one of those wire deer with lights on them in your yard, make sure it is upright on the lawn in front of the kitchen window after every snow. These are all little tasks, but if done right and in sight they will earn rewards. In addition, these are all outdoors activities. Ever notice the glow a person gets when they come inside with pink cheeks and noses? Mom has. Better yet, it reminds her of your childhood. Make sure she is home before attempting these activities, though.

Good luck following these tips for the best holiday ever! Think of the music, food, and helping out around the house as an investment. And if by some miracle you begin enjoying the spirit of the holiday season, just count that as one more gift on the tally.

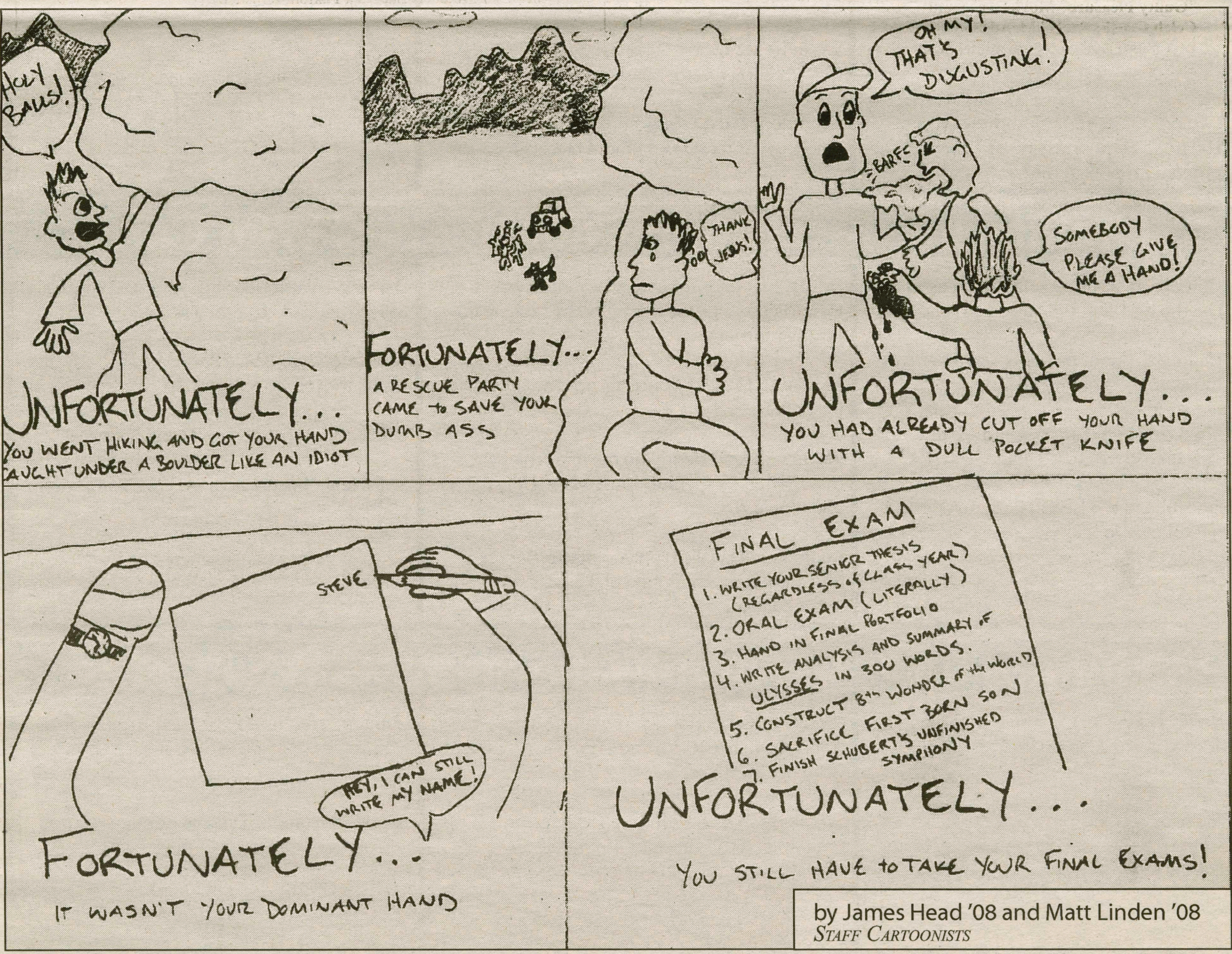
Campus Diversity Debate Mishandled

from **Talk**, *page 6*

background, religion, and upbringing, will give us value to employers." If this kind of education in different cultures is essential, then I suggest we need major structural changes in education. If, in order to succeed, you need to know the ins and outs of every various culture and minority group on this earth, then college should be at least a twenty year saga, not a four year project. And a diversity-intensive requirement and a one time freshman seminar will not do the job of helping us understand all these various groups.

However, I dispute the original point that we need to "understand" all these different types of people. For example, I don't see what the difference is between interacting with straight people and interacting with gay people. I just don't. Sexual orientation is just that: *sexual* orientation. Last time I checked, gay people did not speak a different language or follow a different value system just because they are gay. We can all be more sensitive, yes, but is it really necessary that we become intimately knowledgeable about all these different groups?

This entire issue has, I believe, been blown out of proportion. We have a great school here. We have great people here. And we have a tremendous opportunity to take advantage of these resources. Yet, this argument about tolerance has, ironically, done more to tear the campus apart than to bring us together. When I sent a letter to the editor expressing my concerns about the direction of this debate, no one directly responded to me, until Kye addressed some of my arguments last week. I am positive that some disagreed quite strongly with my ideas. Why, then, did no one from the SJI write a response to my letter? Instead of engaging with the people of various viewpoints, we continue to hunker down in our own social circles. We are creating an array of isolated echo chambers where no one challenges our thinking. This, my friends, is far more hurtful to diversity than gutter epithets.



by James Head '08 and Matt Linden '08
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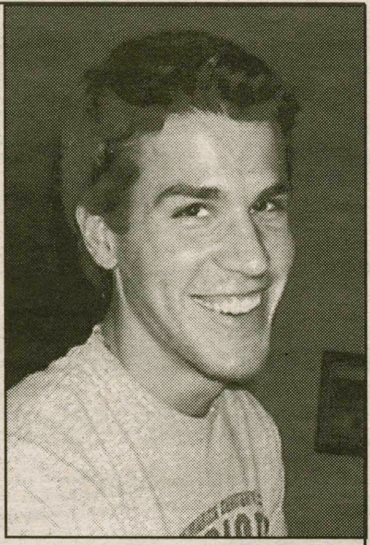
Bachelor & Bachelorette of the Week

Andrew Neumann '08



Age: 21
Eye Color: Brown
Height: 6'0"
Sign:those two fish
Hometown: Bismark, ND
Major: Psychology
On Campus Activities:
Publius Society
Interested In: Southern Belles
What You Are Looking For Now:
What are *you* looking for?

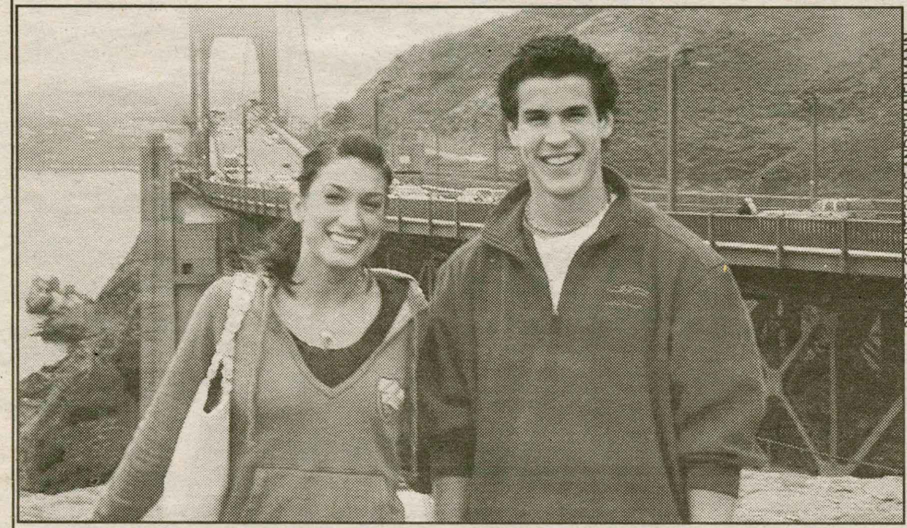
Ideal Date:
On Campus: An Acoustic Coffeehouse or Ballroom Dancing
Off Campus: People do that here?
Turn Ons: intelligence, good sense of humor, big sunglasses
Turn Offs: shedding, dragging the heels of your shoes so they go "clomp" on the ground
Dating Deal Makers: smells nice, artistically inclined
Dating Deal Breakers: throwing up on my pant-leg, shedding (really, it just creeps me out)

Favorites
Place On Campus: the house
Exercise At The Gym: Don't make me choose
Gift to give: something uniquely personal
Gift to get: Mirrors
Song: "Wishful Thinking" by Bo Armstrong
Book: *Knowing When She's Giving You The Vibe: A Biographical Work* by James Giroday
Movie: Love Actually (and not just because it's on the movie channel)
"Guilty Pleasure" Song: "Way Back Into Love" from "Music and Lyrics"
"Guilty Pleasure" Movie: The Guru
Celeb Crush: Rachel McAdams
Breakfast: whatever Pero is cooking
Sitcom: West Wing (I'd vote for Martin Sheen over Hil or Mit)
Quote: "The pot calling the kettle black."

If I were an animal I would be: a bear, so I could converse with the bear mentioned further down
If I could go anywhere in the world I would go: to the moon...
If I were a character from English lit, I would be:...I'm a govt. major . . .

The best pick-up line I have used/ heard: "I've never seen the inside of a Carnegie bedroom, what does one look like?"

If I were out with a date and were charged by a bear I would:
A) Throw my date in front of the bear and run
B) Expose my breast to the bear and scream "Take me instead!"
C) Team up and try to fight the bear
D) Other: With my newly assumed identity as a bear, I'd engage my charging counterpart in a rational conversation. After negotiating with the bear, I'd turn to my date and tell her: "Thanks for taking a chance on me, but that's what you get for dating a bear."



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Andrew checking out the sights in San Fran - don't worry ladies, that's just his sister.

Liz Pinnie '08

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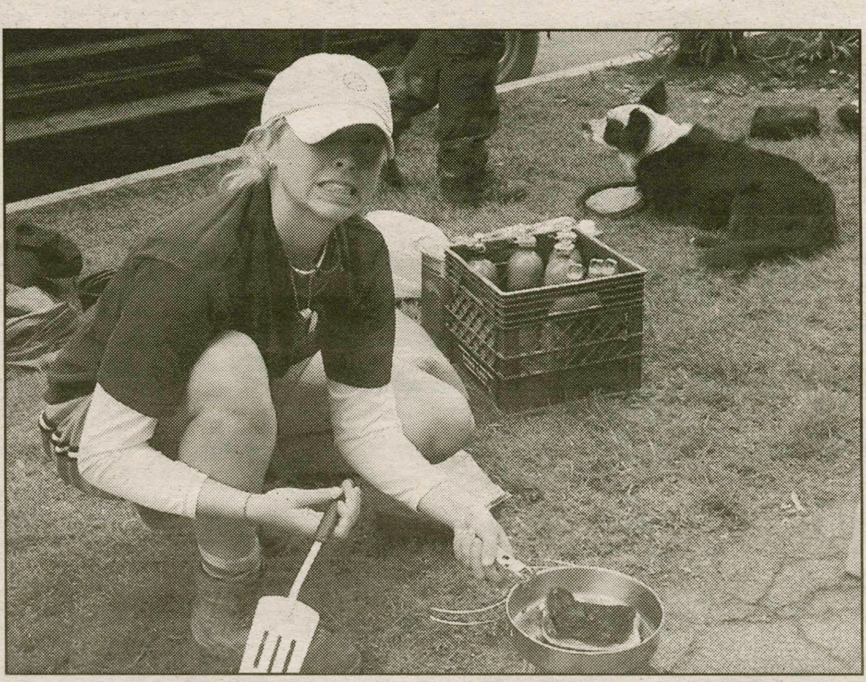
Age: 21
Eye Color: Blue
Height: 5'10" (with hiking boots)
Sign: Da Bull
Hometown: West Chester (The Best
Major: English
On Campus Activities: AA Leader, Admissions Intern, HEAG, MajApp, Adventure Crew
Interested In: Dudes, I like dudes.
What You Are Looking For Now:
Like I said - dudes.

Ideal Date:
On Campus: Making inappropriate snow sculptures
Off Campus: Polka dancing on the Village Green / Counting Gumbies at The Only
Turn Ons: Displays of immense physical strength
Turn Offs: Deep philosophical conversations in the Pub
Dating Deal Makers: Al Green.
Dating Deal Breakers: Uggs.

Favorites
Place On Campus: the snow, baby
Exercise At The Gym:spinning to Captain Meg's techno jams
Gift to give: Faulker, the gift that keeps on giving
Gift to get: Bacon Band-Aids
Song: "Mistadobalina" by Del The Funky Homosapien
Book: *The MLA Handbook*
Movie: Rocky XX
"Guilty Pleasure" Song: Anything Salt n' Pepa - but I don't really feel guilty about that.
"Guilty Pleasure" Movie: Sidney White - starring Amanda Bynes
Celeb Crush: Gandhi
Breakfast: Oatmeal and Honey
Sitcom: In Living Color
Quote: "Hi Mike." (Chadwick Paxton Ramsdell)

If I were an animal I would be: not a cat.
If I could go anywhere in the world I would go: To the lost world of Atlantis - because not many people get to go there.
The best pick-up line I have used: "You are very tall."
The best pick-up line that has worked on me: "You are very blonde."

If I were out with a date and were charged by a bear I would:
A) Throw my date in front of the bear and run
B) Expose my breast to the bear and scream "Take me instead!"
C) Team up and try to fight the bear *Ninja style
D) Other " Give it a hug, ditch my date and live happily ever after among the trees."



Liz showing off her the cooking skills she learned as an AA leader. Don't worry Liz, I'm sure Indie will love that chared cheese sandwich.

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Smart Shopping With Feng: The Perfect Birthday Gifts

by Fenglin Zhao'10
Features Columnist

Dedicated to all December babies. Your presence makes the holiday season even more special.

Call me a weirdo, but I have always enjoyed gift shopping. It's the best time to spend money and not feel guilty about it. Moreover, if the money is spent on someone who means a lot to you the pleasure from giving is even greater than pampering yourself.

I once read a fashion magazine listing all the not-to-buy gifts for boyfriends. It sounded so threatening that it was almost like lousy gifts are major turn-offs.

It is true that many people have trouble deciding what to buy for their significant others. Not to worry! Here are some ideas you may consider:

1. A nice bottle of cologne

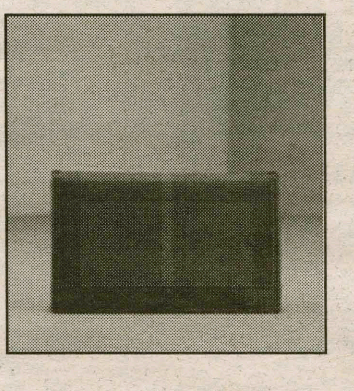
It is a daily reminder of how sweet you are and, better yet, you decide how he smells. And please, don't get him Acqua di Gio, I smell that cologne all the time from dining halls to dance parties.

Dior Homme
Price:$43.19
Link: www.fragrancenet.

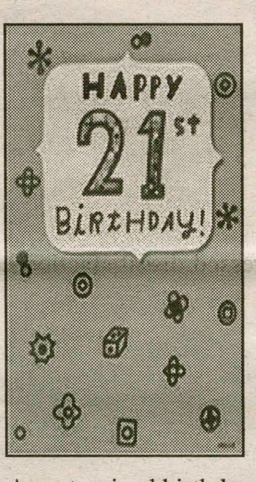
2. A nice dress shirt

Buying a shirt for someone is usually a sign that two people have reached a new level in their relationship. Don't rush it though, because you may scare him or her away.
Ralph Lauren Classic fit dress shirt
Price: $79.50
Link:www.polo.com

3. A Leather Wallet
Again, it is something someone



can use every day. Functional and economical.
Burberry Brit ID Passport wallet
price: $160
link: www.neimanmarcus.com



4. A customized birthday card
price: $3.99
link: www.hallmark.com

Hamilton Hogwash

by Laura Mattison '10
Features Contributor

This week: Frats get Fired Up
Rumor has it that several of the fraternities did major damage to their houses when they had to hand them over to the college in 1996.
The MYTH: Sigma Phi (Sig) set their house on fire when they lost their lawsuit.
The TRUTH: Investigating the Sig story was easier than I had feared. Our "secret" frat was fairly forthcoming, and it seems this story is utter hogwash. I spoke with an old Sig member, Director of Annual Giving Jon Hysell '72.

"I know nothing, and I would have heard," he said.

Like many of the frats, Sig litigated to keep their house, and what's now known as the Siuda House stood vacant until 2003. Damage was due to being "mothballed for about 7 years" not damage inflicted in a fire. There was another Sig house that burned to the ground in the early 20th century, which may have lead to this fiery fable.

The MYTH: Delta Upsilon (DU) did some damage to their porch before departing.
The TRUTH: DU did more than just damage their porch. Director of Student Activities Lisa Magnarelli '96 remembers multiple incidents of vandalism when she was a student.

DU "dismantled their house bit by bit over the year," said Dean of Students Nancy Thompson. "It was a difficult time, with a lot of emotion. Some people may have done things that in today's light may seem... irrational."

DU may also have been responsible for pushing a burning couch out of a window in Carnegie Residence Hall. Assistant Dean Jeff Landry was the Area Coordinator for Carnegie in those days and reminisced about the couch "flying right by my window...and my room filling up with smoke." He wasn't sure if it was Greek related, but figured that it was. The students lit up the couch in Apartment 407, not realizing that the window was too small. When they shoved it out, the whole window went crashing down with the flaming futon.

"There was an old tradition of burning couches at the end of the year," said Director of Campus Safety Pat Ingalls, "Thank god that's been put to rest!"

Was this sofa flambé related to the loss of their houses? Unclear, but the frats were certainly restless.

The MYTH: Psi Upsilon held a sledgehammer party to celebrate moving out.
The TRUTH: The Psi U "smashfest" remains a mystery. No officials or alumni recalled any incident, nor had they even heard the rumor. Even the current Psi U president, Artie Preiss, couldn't say if it was more than a legend, though he'd heard the story. All they're sure of is that they left a stuffed and mounted golden lab in the basement (his name is Sandy).

Lotions and Potions: Oh, All Those "Spicy" Beauty Treats...

By Elizabeth Kosar '10
Beauty Columnist

I always knew the Spice Girls were going to make a comeback. Seriously, their music hasn't really left my rotation since the mid 90s. I love the Spice Girls. They're also awesome because they are each so distinctive, but they work really well as a group. So here are some spicy beauty tips:

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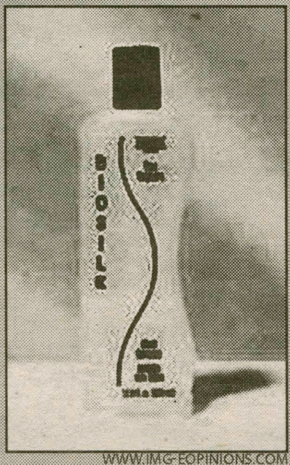
Scary Spice: Not really sure how she got her nickname, seeing as she doesn't really seem that terrifying. Anyway, between her gig on Dancing With the Stars and the comeback tour, I'm betting she could use a foot lotion make her heels stop aching. Body Shop Peppermint Foot Lotion should totally do the trick.

Posh Spice: It must be REALLY hard to be posh. I mean she's married to an Adonis, she has three cute kids, her BFF is Katie Holmes, and she's a pop star. For those days when her bob just isn't shiny enough, I'd tell her to slap on Biosilk Silk Therapy. Just a drop will make her hair smooth and shiny.



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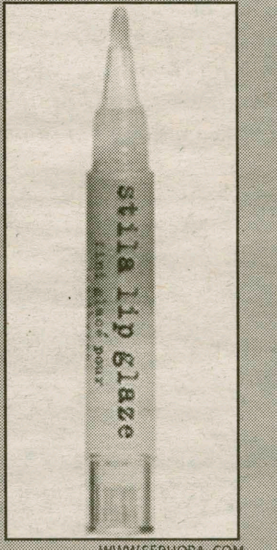

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Baby Spice: Blonde hair, blue eyes, and cute grin. We still love Baby. To accentuate her "ok I totally have been naughty, but I'm cute so you're going to let me get away with it" grin, she should use Stila lip gloss in Fruit Punch.

Sporty Spice: Of all of the Spices, I think she's changed the least. Maybe for a new look, Sporty should try a subtle bronzer. With just a little color, her face would be totally warmed up. Physician's Formula Mineral Wear Bronzer would be just the thing.

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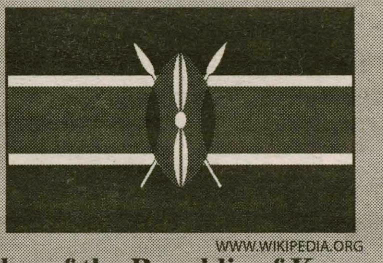
Ginger Spice: I love Geri. There's a reason that the group basically sucked when she quit. It's because she is the essence of all things spicy. Since her name is Ginger, I'd get her to use Ginger Float bubble bath from Origins. It seriously smells amazing and it's really moisturizing too.

Hamilton Students Help Kenyan Kids

by Jenna Fain '09
Features Writer

To fortunate Hamilton students, footwear is truly more about fashion than function. Each morning, we are able to open our closets, pick a pair out of an array of different shoes, and waltz out the door to class. Yet for children in Kenya our reality is merely a dream. This past semester, Kappa Sigma Alpha Sorority kicked off a new philanthropy campaign that pledges to provide sandals to over 380 Kenyan preschoolers around Mount Kasigau. Over the course of this school year, the sorority will hold numerous fundraisers and informational events to bring awareness to campus about students in Kenya. The three to five-year-olds that attend the five preschools near Mount Kasigau face up to an hour and a half trek to school each day. The terrain is often rocky and unsanitary. It is not unusual for these small children to have their feet completely cut up or wrapped in bandages. The schools and villages in the area do not have a proper sewage system, so the preschoolers face an enormous risk of contracting bacteria from the ground. In jars placed in Opus 1 and 2, the mail center, and the dining halls students will learn that one mere dollar can provide one of these adorable children with a durable pair of flip-flop sandals. Imagine that: the meager price of an Opus cookie can give a child shoes!



Flag of the Republic of Kenya

Philanthropy Co-Chair Alexandra Isaacs '10 explained, "These kids are so passionate about the value of an education. Their walk to school each day is a testament to its special significance in Kenya. As a Hamilton student, it is so easy to forget how truly fortunate we are to have the means and access to an education. If these kids can wear shoes each day and not have to suffer heath risks at school and on their way to school, then surely their passion for education will flourish." The Kenyan government recently mandated that all children attend primary school until high school. Yet in a country where every dollar goes towards survival, not many families can afford the $3 monthly tuition that is necessary for a child to attend preschool, where the appeal of learning truly begins to develop. If parents see their preschoolers going to school and gaining access to shoes and new materials, it will hopefully inspire other parents to do the same with their own progeny. Such a small difference will effect change in a positive way. If increasing numbers of parents are willing to pay for their children to attend preschool, then the teachers will receive more compensation. This will no doubt result in teachers becoming more qualified and devoted to their young students, fostering a more positive environment in which the curiosity to learn sprouts.

KSA would like to thank the Hamilton community who has thus far helped them collect $240, which will provide shoes for 240 Kenyan children.

Diversity on the Hill

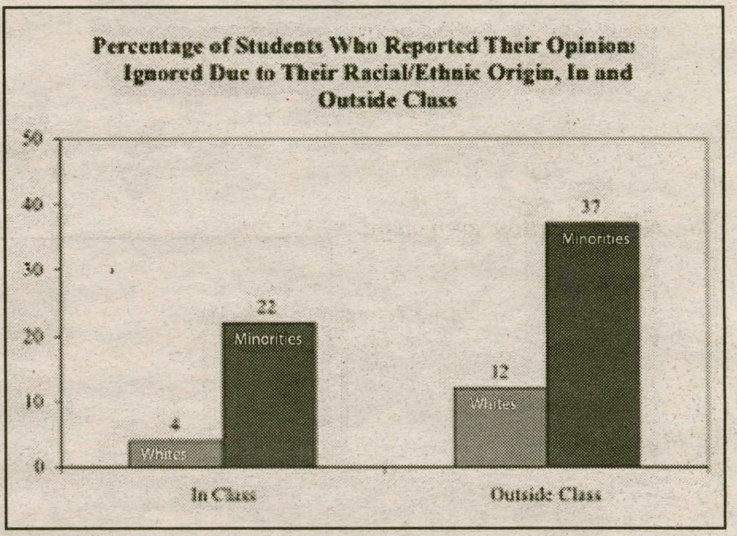
One Third of Hamilton Students Dissatisfied

by the staff of HamPoll

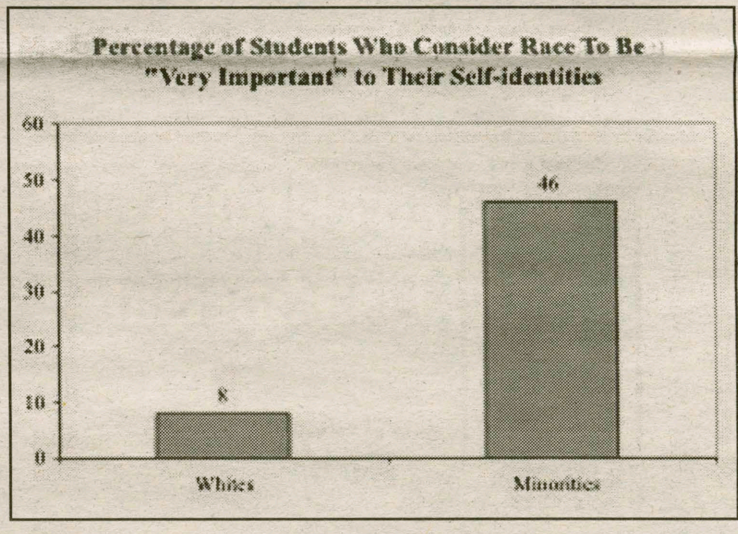
In October 448 students took a HamPoll survey concerning racial and ethnic issues on the Hamilton campus. 78 percent of the sample were white, and the remaining 22 percent were minorities identifying themselves as black/African American, Hispanic/Latino, Asian/Pacific Islander or other. This sample represents about one quarter of the campus's roughly 1800 students; since 23 percent of the total student body are American ethnic minorites or are international students (according to offical college statistics), the responding sample respresents the campus well.

Participants were asked to identify their genders, class years, nationalities and racial or ethnic identities at the start of the survey, and the members of HamPoll correlated these characteristics with the answers to a set of questions on diversity.

Around one third of respondents answered that issues of racial and ethnic diversity were insufficiently addressed in the classroom. Broken down, 60 percent of minority participants expressed dissatisfaction compared to 24 percent of whites. Among several possible strategies suggested to remedy this, minority respondents in particular believed inviting speakers to talk about diversity would help. Students in general also called for better peer education on diversity, more funding for multicultural events, the recruitment of more diverse students, and especially, for harsher punishment in response to discrimination. When asked whether the campus needed to focus less on issues of race and ethnicity, 38 percent of respondents marked this an ineffective strategy, making this the least favored of the solutions proposed.



One question involved rating the importance of several characteristics in defining one's personality, and the differences here were noticeable. Forty-six percent of minorities said that their race is very important to them, compared to only eight percent of whites. The importance of other elements such as ethnicity, intelligence/education, family/friends, gender and religion did not vary appreciably, and the importance of sexual orientation did not vary at all between whites and minorities.



Virtually all minority respondents said issues of racial/ethnic diversity are important to their education at Hamilton, versus only 75 percent of whites. Similar differences occurred between males and females, with 85 percent of females finding importance in these issues and only 66 percent of males. Still, the overwhelming majority of the campus seems to believe these issues important to their education.

Non-whites were strongly more in favor of Hamilton adopting a requirement for each student to complete a course increasing awareness of diversity on the Hill. Among minority respondents, 22 percent reported their opinions had been ignored in class due to their ethnic or racial origin (compared to four percent of whites), and 37 percent reported the same offense occurred outside of class (compared to 12 percent of whites).

Five percent of all respondents have seriously considered leaving Hamilton because their races or ethnicities were not respected. four percent of respondents reported that they'd considered dropping a class for similar reasons. The majority of students have not had such doubts.

Ever the romantics, 57 percent of Hamilton students have either dated or seriously considered dating students of other races or ethnicities, though minority respondents were significantly more open on this front. Forty-four percent of students said that Hamilton overall is more diverse than their home communities.

While many of the differences outlined above may seem major, the most shocking is that five percent of the respondents have seriously considered leaving Hamilton due to racial or ethnic prejudice. Even if that five percent does not represent the student body as a whole, five-percent of the 448 respondents is 21 people who have considered leaving. Keep in mind that our survey obviously cannot reach those who have already left the campus for such reasons. We leave it to the student body and the administration to make further inferences from this data.

What's Cookin' in the CoOp: Food for Exams and Break!

By Amelia Conlon '08
Features Contributor

Beets and Mashed Potatoes

2 cups roasted beets
4 cups mashed and cooked potatoes

To cook potatoes:
Boil enough water to cover potatoes in a large pot on stove. Add potatoes. Cook until easily cut with knife.

To roast beets:
Oil baking pan with olive oil and desired herbs. Quarter and peel beets and place in oiled pan. Bake in oven at 400° until tender.

In large pot, place prepared potatoes and beets. Add butter, mash, and mix. Serve warm.

Secret Chocolate Cake
(Simply in Season)

2 cups beets (cooked peeled and chopped)
½ cup applesauce
puree in blender until smooth. Set aside.

1½ cups sugar
½ cup oil
½ cup plain yogurt
3 eggs
Combine in large mixing bowl. Beat with electric mixer for 2 minutes.

½ cup baking cocoa (sifted)
1 ½ teaspoons vanilla
Add along with pureed beets; beat another 90 seconds

1½ cups flour
1 cup whole wheat flour
1½ teaspoons salt
1 teaspoon cinnamon
Gradually sift into batter, mixing it in with a spoon but stirring only until blended.

½ cup chocolate chips and or nuts (chopped)
Stir in. Pour into greased 9 x 13-inch baking pan. Bake in preheated oven at 350° F until knife inserted in centre comes out clean, 40-50 minutes. To bake in bundt pan, pour half the batter into greased pan, sprinkle with chocolate chips/nuts evenly on top then add remaining batter.

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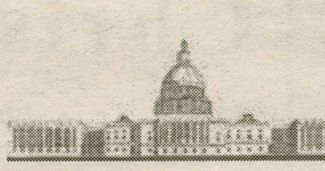

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Weekly Charts

by Jacob Murray '09
Arts & Entertainment Editor

MUSIC

(From iTunes)

Top Albums

1. Noel- Josh Groban
2. As I Am- Alicia Keys
3. Dreaming Out Loud- OneRepublic
4. Enchanted Soundtrack- Various Artists
5. Let It Snow- Micheal Bublé

Top Songs

1. Low- Flo Rida
2. No One- Alicia Keys
3. Apologize- Timbaland
4. Kiss Kiss- Chis Brown
5. Clumsy - Fergie

MOVIES

(Yahoo! Box Office Charts)

1. Enchanted
2. Beowulf
3. This Christmas
4. Hitman
5. Awake
6. Fred Claus
7. August Rush
8. Stephen King's the Mist
9. Bee Movie
10. No Country for Old Money

BOOKS

(From The New York Times Best Seller List)

Paperback Fiction

1. LOVE IN THE TIME OF CHOLERA, by Gabriel García Márquez
2. THE PILLARS OF THE EARTH by Ken Follett
3. WATER FOR ELEPHANTS, by Sara Gruen
4. THE KITE RUNNER, by Khaled Hosseini
5. Halo: CONTACT HARVEST, by Joseph Staten

Paperback Non-Fiction

1. EAT, PRAY, LOVE, by Elizabeth Gilbert
2. THE INNOCENT MAN, by John Grisham
3. INTO THE WILD, by Jon Krakauer
3. THREE CUPS OF TEA, by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin
5. 90 MINUTES IN HEAVEN, by Don Piper with Cecil Murphey
5. THE GLASS CASTLE, by Jeannette Walls

A Jewish Student's Take on Excessive Christmas Entertainment

by Alex Ossola '10
Arts & Entertainment Writer

Every year, starting on Black Friday (or sometimes even earlier), the secular world as I know it gets turned upside down. Some radio stations change from their glorious classic rock repertoire to the nails-on-chalkboard, hail-on-a-tin-roof sounds of the Chipmunks' Christmas song and "Jingle Bell Rock."

Why am I horrified by such festive ditties, you may ask? Blame it on the Semite in me, I guess. It's not that I don't enjoy such films as the "Home Alone" series, or "Love Actually," or even a Christmas special or two. In my humble non-Christian opinion, the fun of Christmas is the month of excitement leading up to the holiday; the day itself is really nothing out of the ordinary, except for the exchange of somewhat meaningless consumer products (thank you, religious capitalism).

But, even as a Jew with many Christian friends, I can appreciate the excitement of the season. The softly falling snow, the impending receipt of gifts, the chance to tell your friends how much they really mean to you—all great concepts, even for people who don't celebrate Christmas.

That said, however, that doesn't mean I have to like the music. I mean, seriously, how many times do I have to hear the words "Feliz Navidad" in one song until they're permanently branded into my brain? And why would I be "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree" if I could easily knock the whole thing over? My point is that I don't need the sickening, saccharine harmonies of "All I Want for Christmas Is You" to make me feel festive. Obviously, the dreidel and menorah combination really put me in the spirit, but I'd totally watch "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" with you, and enjoy it too. But, please, keep your Now! Christmas CD away from me.

Not that these radio stations and department stores keep we non-Christian folk in mind. To do my holiday shopping is like torture, what with the Christmas carols blasting from the overhead speakers. Not that I don't appreciate the other, more subtle decorations of the evergreen wreaths, the occasional Christmas tree and maybe a little round of photos on Santa's lap (yes, dear reader, some Jews do that too). I realize that my complaining about the commodification of the Christmas season isn't going to change the fact that Alvin and his other screeching cohorts will present and popular for quite some time. But this is just another burden we Jews have to bear.

Though somewhere, deep down, I'm sort of hoping that this will change how Jews and gentiles interact during the lovely month of December—not trying to force either's traditions on the other. Luckily, Jews have a glorious, unpublicized head start on that goal: that we don't have a huge, creepy dreidel in the mall that wants the little kids to give him a lap dance. Ah, to be a Jew at Christmas time.

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Christmas movies and songs are an almost constant presence after Thanksgiving

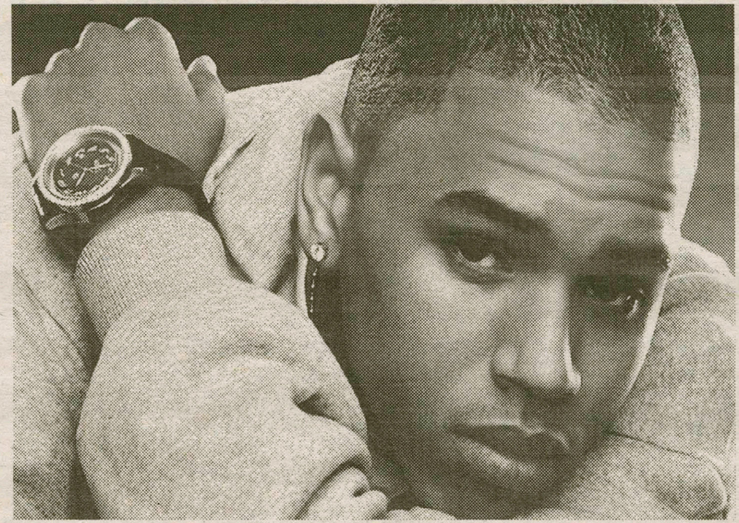
Chris Brown Releases New #1 Single "Kiss, Kiss"

by Jen Vano '09
Arts & Entertainment Writer

I have to admit that generally songs that open with mock listener-to-radio station phone calls are duds, but Chris Brown's hit single "Kiss, Kiss" has me in its grip and will not let me go despite its intro and T-Pain inspired synthesized vocals. And he has to be doing something right to be the #1 ranked Major Label artist on MySpace.

His newest album, *Exclusive*, released from Jive Records in November, covers everything from upbeat dance tracks to slow and emotional ballads to pop rock-inspired, acoustic guitar heavy love songs. Though other tracks on the album, like the soft, take-out-a-lighter-or-clap-along "With You," are good fodder for high school romance and definitely catchy, I'm not sure I can identify his next big hit. And though I'm a little thrown by the unusual instrumentation in some of these songs (the sometimes over-zealous drums or keyboard or exaggerated emotion refer me back to 90s R & B—Jodeci or Joe anyone?—and make me hesitate before entering thebefore world of the song)

I'm sure after enough plays on Top 40 I'll be pining for them. Plus, I have to give him credit for overcoming the seemingly inevitable teen star one-hit-wonder syndrome and being a ridiculously sick dancer and performer in general. Keep up the good work, Chris, and if you aren't legal yet, call me when you are.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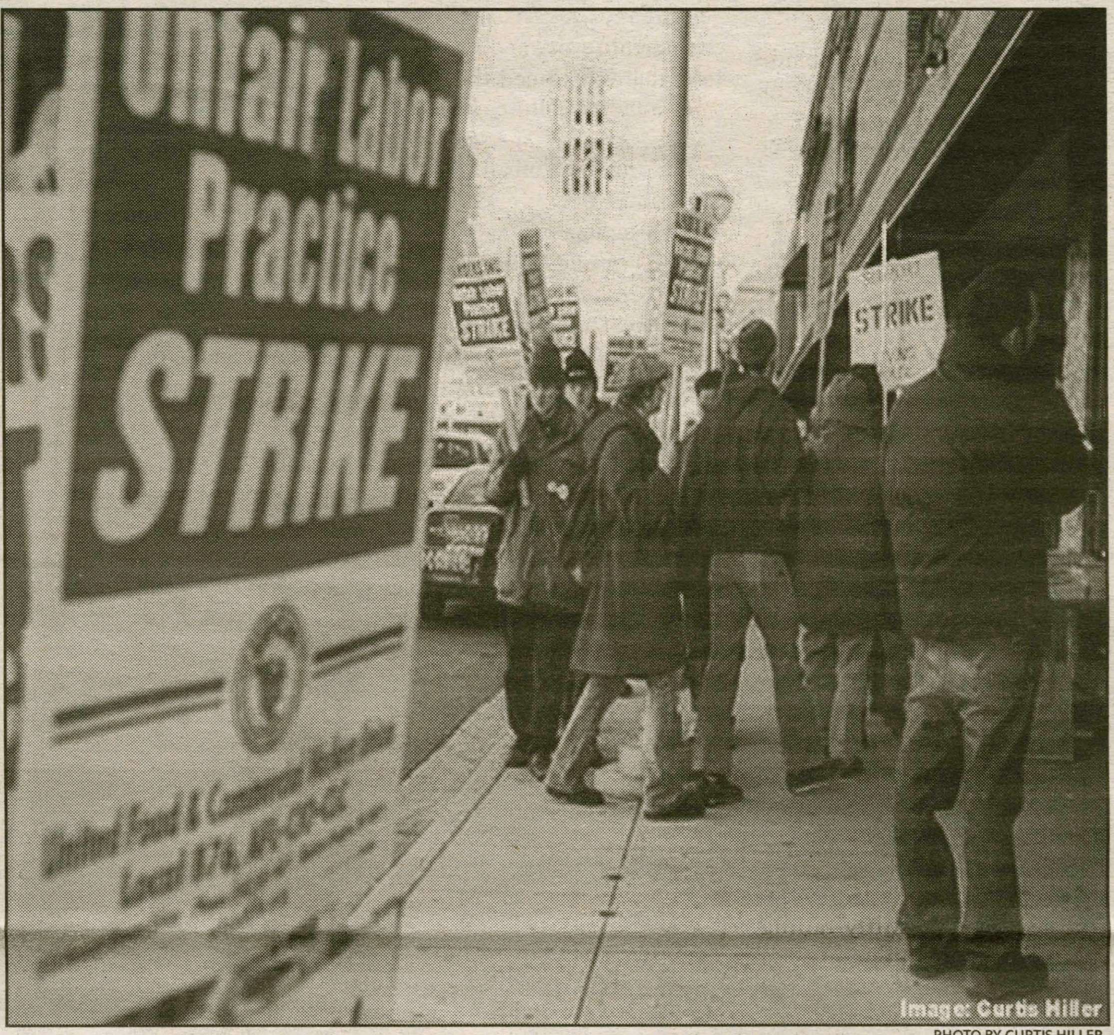
Writers' Strike Takes Viewers' Favorite Shows Off of the Air Indefinitely

by Jacob Murray '09
Arts & Entertainment Editor

As the Writers Guild of America strike continues to hinder the TV and movie industries, many avid television viewers are in the dark as to whether their favorite programs will be able to continue on schedule. On November 5, 2007, the Guild announced its strike against the Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers, which stopped writers from producing new episodes for shows like "Lost," "Desperate Housewives," and even "The Daily Show." This is not the first time that the WGA has gone on strike, however. In 1988, the guild went on strike for over four months because the writers thought that they were not being compensated for home video sales, which at the time was a very small trade.

Presently, the Writers Guild of America is looking for reimbursement over a variety of new ways to view television programs, such as internet downloads, video on demand, and online streaming. These advances in technology are seen by the guild as "new media." The writers guild has proposed a new deal with the AMPTA, where they would receive 2.5 percent of the gross profits gained by "new media" enterprises. Although this sounds relatively reasonable, the WGA and AMPTA have failed to come to an agreement on a contract. Once negotiations broke on November 5, famous actors and actresses such as Tina Fey and Jeff Garlin were seen marching the streets of Los Angeles, demanding a better contract. Even Democratic Presidential hopeful John Edwards was seen rallying the writers.



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Hollywood writers on the picket line as they to seek additonal compensation.

So what does this mean for television networks such as ABC and NBC? Since many producers are running out of new episodes to air, they will be forced to continue showing reruns for the remainder of the season. "Heroes," for example, has already concluded its season with just eleven episodes, which is less than half of what the producers intended to air at the beginning of the season. On ABC, "Desperate Housewives" plans to air their last new episode in January. Normally the show would run into May.

In order to replace these hit shows, networks are forced to show more reality television programs to bolster ratings. This is because reality programs do not require writers from the WGA.

Negotiations between the two parties resumed on November 26, but they do not seem to be any closer to reaching an agreement. At this point, it seems as though the strike will be of the same magnitude as the one in 1988. Unfortunately, until the WGA and AMPTA are able to create a new contract, viewers will have to get used to watching more "Survivor," "American Idol," and "Kid Nation."

Hamilton Horoscopes

By Steve Allinger '09
Staff Seer

Aries: Russell Crowe shares your zodiac sign, and also your love of beating people up with phones.

Taurus: They say your fellow Taurus Al Pacino deals with his lack of talent the same way you do, by being as loud as possible.

Gemini: Oddly enough you share your sign with Mary Kate Olsen, but not Ashley…

Cancer: Tom Cruise is also a cancer, on society.

Leo: You share your sign with President Bill Clinton; also you share the ability to lie spectacularly to large groups of people.

Virgo: Virgo Hugh Grant uses his adorable British accent to melt the ladies. Since you are American, you must rely on your giant death laser to melt the ladies.

Libra: Gandhi the Libra (as history will remember him) was a great civil rights leader. You will follow in his footsteps when you overthrow knit happens. THERE MUST BE CHANGE!

Scorpio: Owen Wilson… too soon.

Sagittarius: Although you lack the bone structure and chiseled abs of Sagittarius Brad Pitt, at least you share his love of Pictionary.

Capricorn: Jude Law had sex with his children's nanny. Way to go Capricorns, always setting the bar for excellence.

Aquarius: Just like Aquarius Oprah Winfrey, you love giving advice. Unlike Aquarius Oprah Winfrey, no one listens to you.

Pisces: Steve Irwin died doing what he loved. You will too, it just sucks that you happen to love watching porn.

A Lily
Geoffrey Forrest Hicks
October, 2007

Lily white a flower
So delicate and soft
Wet with morning shower,
Moist with dew to sup
And gentle on the skin.
So weak—we hold its petals
Which melt our hearts within
Like a baby to the breast
Who cries or lies at rest
Innocent, indeed,
Like a puppy at your feet
With ever pressing need.
I am lovèd by a lily.

A Year In Review: Scientific Milestones of 2007

by Elijah LaChance '10
Science & Technology Editor

The media is still debating the age we live in. The Technology Age, the Information Age, the Internet Age, the Leisure Age... the list goes on and on. Nevertheless, almost all of the characterizations of our age involve the explosion in scientific achievement that has characterized the last half-century. The year 2007 has continued that trend of scientific progress. In this year, we have seen progress in medicine, space travel, and communication that would have been unimaginable to many even at the start of the year.

On November 3, astronaut Scott Parazynski successfully completed NASA's most dangerous and difficult spacewalk of all time, repairing the International Space Station after the failure of one of its solar arrays. Parazynski, who has also spent time working as an emergency room doctor, performed the delicate task of disentangling wires and repairing the fragile array.

The field of medicine has seen many monumental leaps forward in the past year. Scientists have unveiled an insulin patch, which can automatically monitor and regulate insulin levels in a person with diabetes. There are over 20 million people with diabetes in the U.S. alone. In addition, scientists have recently all but ended what has long been one of this country's great ethical debates by showing that adult skin cells can be made to act as stem cells. This breakthrough promises to eliminate much of the politcal debate that has long swirled around the issue of using embryonic stem cells to further the treatment of cancer, strokes, and amputated limbs. Sceintists had previously hypothesized that such a technique would not be found before 2025 or even 2050. Furthermore, three major organizations: Vanderbilt, UC San Diego, and MIT, have proposed portions of possible mechanisms for the disorder autism, a disorder that afflicts one out of every one hundred children born today. These are the first scientific proposals for how autism might work after over fifty years of research on the subject.

Communication has also been revolutionized since the start of 2007. The clearest example of the change is the explosion of Apple's iPhone onto the commercial market, making it the most versatile communication tool in the world's history. In addition, the iTV has also made its entrance, securing Apple's once unstable fortunes in the business market.

At the start of 2007, NASA had no idea it would preside over a dangerous spacewalk; the vast majority of people had never heard of an insulin patch; autism was still the utter mystery it had always been; the most versatile communication device in the world was a BlackBerry. The scientific world has seen amazing things in 2007. Who knows what wonders 2008 will bring?

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In 2007, astronaut Scott Parazynski carried out NASA's most dangerous spacewalk in history to repair a solar array.

Green New Year's Resolutions for 2008

by Kate Tumarello '11
Science and Technology Editor

We all make New Year's resolutions that we don't keep. Every year, gym memberships go unused and diets are abandoned. We make these resolutions with the goal of bettering ourselves. This year let's all take up the goal of bettering our environment.

There are a few simple ways to do this. The first is to stop using plastic shopping bags which are harder to recycle. Hannaford sells inexpensive canvas bags that are much more environmentally friendly. The canvas bags can be used over and over again and can carry a number of things besides groceries. They come in handy when you run out of luggage trying to get stuff to and from home at breaks.

The other shopping related way in which you can help the environment is to purchase fewer new things or purchase things that are beneficial. You can purchase products from companies who donate the proceeds to environmental causes or products that are made of recycled materials. This way you can shop without hurting the environment.

Another way to help is drive less. Even the most environmentally friendly cars still do some damage to the environment. Walking or riding a bike lessens this damage to the environment along with providing exercise, eliminating the worry of finding a parking space, and boosting endorphins. It's a win-win situation where both you and the environment benefit. I know it may take more effort to walk or cycle to Hannaford or places on campus, but the benefits far outweigh the costs. I'm hardly encouraging you to walk across the country, but if you have to drive you can always carpool.

Then there's always energy conservation. We have wonderful reminders to turn off lights on light switches here at Hamilton for a reason. This may sound simple, but if you don't need to have the light on, turn it off. You can also get fluorescent bulbs. They've come along way and no longer flicker or take forever to turn on. Plus, they have a cool twist design. If it's the shape of the bulb that has deterred you from buying fluorescent, they also come in traditional bulb designs.

And of course, there's recycling. We have plenty of marked recycling bins and even instruction sheets on how to use them. It only takes a little bit of time and concern to properly dispose of your recyclables. Instead of throwing out paper, put them in the conveniently labeled paper garbage bin. Put your water bottles in the correct containers as well.

Better yet, don't buy water bottles. Fill up your Nalgene or Brita pitcher. Bottling and transporting water uses unnecessary fuel and produces unnecessary carbon dioxide. In addition, it costs the consumers money for something that comes out of faucets and the dispensers at the dining halls for free.

Seeing as 2008 is an election year, you can also make sure political moves are

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The Best of This Year on the Web: Wired.com

by Kate Tummarello '11
Science & Technology Editor

Rating:

Every year, the Web Marketing Association honors a technology website by giving them a "Web Award." The winning sites are chosen based on innovation, interactivity, ease of use, copywriting, use of technology, content, and design. This year, they chose Wired.com, a website and magazine that delivers the latest technology related news in terms that most people can understand.

Once at Wired.com, you can browse through the recent and popular articles that have been featured both on the site and in the magazine. On Wired.com you can find information on politics concerning technology, such as John McCain's appearance involving MTV and MySpace, under the subcategory "Online Rights." Also under politics and then "Law," you can find the recent news on the trial about adults harassing a teenager with the help of MySpace. If articles concerning online rights and law don't catch your attention, there is still the whole subcategory of "Security," which covers articles on subjects ranging from wiretapping to Iraq.

If you're looking for something less serious there's "Alt Text," one of the commentary sections of the site, where you can find seemingly random articles about "Nightmare Christmas Movies You'll Never See" and "Wonder Wine Gadgets That Would Win Over Geeks." If you look under the "Underwire" section you can find articles from other publications that the editors of Wired find interesting. While not exactly technology related, there's an interesting article on atheism in the new movie "The Golden Compass."

Even if your interests are as specific as automobiles, there's something on Wired.com for you. The section dedicated to "Cool Wheels" has articles about energy and the future of cars. This is where you can find "The End of Oil is Upon Us: We Must Move On…Quickly" and "Where Are the Most Bicycle Friendly Cities in the World?"

If video games are more your thing, the section dedicated to gaming has reviews on games, articles on hardware, and articles on virtual worlds. There's even an article containing advice on "How to Score a Wii This Christmas" and one on "Why You Can't Get Your Hands on a Wii."

There's even a section dedicated entirely to non-technological science including discoveries, planet earth, and space. Look here to find articles on lightning on Venus and the economics and science behind genetically modified produce. Under the medical science section the articles about drugs range from Parkinson's disease to nerve gas antidotes. There are also articles concerning genetics, stem cells, and general health, like easing a troubling cough.

Other sections include culture, entertainment, and technology related business. It's obvious just from looking at its home page that Wired.com more than covers the content requirement of the WebAward. The site's organization easily fills the other requirements. It's no wonder Wired.com, and its corresponding magazine, have received such high praise.

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The Web Marketing Association doesn't take Web Awards lightly - Wired.com is truly an excellent and helpful site.

Did You Know That?

Wacky Facts: Deluxe New Year's Edition

by Elijah LaChance '10
and Kate Tummarello '11
Science & Technology Editors

- *In 1996, a string of firecrackers were lit that lasted 22 hours for the Chinese New Year in Hong Kong.*

- *Only 40 percent of adults make New Year's resolutions.*

- *Only 46 percent of New Year's resolutions are actually kept.*

- *Psychological studies prove that New Year's resolutions are more likely to be kept when the resolutions are fewer and less ambitious.*

- *The most frequently made New Year's resolution is to spend more time with friends and family.*

- *New Year's Eve is one of the holidays with the most alcohol-related crashes.*

- *Superstition dictates that you have make as much noise as possible at midnight both to celebrate and to scare away evil spirits.*

- *The celebration of a new year is, historically, the most ancient of all holidays.*

- *The first new year was celebrated by the Babylonians before 4000 BC and was celebrated on the first New Moon after the Vernal Equinox (first day of spring).*

- *The Babylonian New Year's celebrations lasted eleven days.*

- *Good-luck foods for New Year's are said to include black-eyed peas and other legumes, hog meat (such as pork or bacon), and anything ring-shaped. Bust out the doghnuts!*

- *The Saxons believed the 2nd of January to be one of the unluckiest days of the year. Those born on this day could expect to die unpleasant deaths.*

- *Some Christian denominations celebrate New Year's Day as the Feast of Christ's Circumsision. Ouch!*

- *From 1902 to 1916, the Tournament of Roses featured a Roman chariot race, not a football game, as its main event.*

- *The first guest at a house in the New Year is traditionally said to bring good or bad luck. A tall black-haired man is particularly good luck.*

- *The Chinese New Year will begin on February 7, 2008. Most of 2008 will fall in the Year of the Rat.*

- *The tradition of the New Year's resolution can be dated to Janus, the Roman god of beginnings, who has two faces that look in opposite directions - back into the old year to seek out faults and into the new year to correct them.*

- *Famous New Year's birthdays include "Mad" Anthony Wayne (a general in the American revolution), Vladimir Titov (the second man in space), and Lorenzo di Medici (the famous patron of sciences).*

- *The symbol of a baby was first associated with the new year in 600 BC by the ancient Greeks.*

- *In Norway, Jack Frost visits on New Year's with toys, not on Christmas.*

- *More than 95 percent of people are looking for a New Year's kiss.*

EQUIPPED WITH HIS FIVE SENSES, MAN EXPLORES THE UNIVERSE AROUND HIM AND CALLS THE ADVENTURE SCIENCE.
~EDWIN HUBBLE

PROFESSOR PROFILE

Jean Burr, Psychology

THE FACTS:

Name: Jean Burr
Department: Psychology
College: Middlebury
Research Includes: Social development of young children at Clinton schools

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INTERVIEW SECTION:

Elijah LaChance: If you were to describe yourself in a few words, what would they be?

Jean Burr: Enthusiastic, cheerful, and busy!

EL: What areas of psychology most interest you and why?

JB: Developmental psychology and applied psychology: I always knew that I wanted to work with children. But, I wasn't quite sure what I wanted to do until I took my first psychology course in college. I was fascinated by how children's thinking and relationships change over time. In graduate school, I also became interested in applied psychology when I collaborated with some economic researchers at the Federal Reserve Bank. I really value the fact that my research has direct applications to improving the welfare of children and families.

EL: How did you eventually choose to teach psychology for a living?

JB: I love working with college students, both in the classroom and in the lab. Teaching psychology gives me the opportunity to ask students to use psychological theories to reflect on their own lives. This initiates some great conversations. I find that the more I teach, the more I learn from my students.

EL: Why Hamilton?

JB: I love the community atmosphere at Hamilton, particularly the great interactions between faculty and students. I also feel fortunate to be in a very collaborative department. I went to college at Middlebury and taught at Colby before I came to Hamilton, so I like to joke that I'm on the NESCAC tour.

EL: Do you have any habits students might notice? If so, what are they?

JB: I run almost every morning with my dog. I also talk and walk fast when I'm excited (no caffeine needed). In the afternoon, I usually find my way to Opus for a chocolate chip cookie and chai.

EL: What is your favorite band/singer, ice cream flavor, book, and home-cooked meal?

JB: All-time favorite band: The Beatles. Currently on my iPod: Death Cab for Cutie, Feist, Beth Orton, U2, Ray LaMontagne, The Black Eyed Peas, and John Mayer. Ice cream: Mocha Chip. Books: *A Prayer for Owen Meany* and *Freakonomics.* Favorite meal: Homemade chocolate chip cookies (does that count as a meal?)

EL: What would you say is your teaching style, and what can students expect who are in your classes?

JB: I would say that my teaching style is varied. I like to combine lectures, discussions, small-group activities, student presentations, and videos. Students who are in my classes tell me that it's difficult to stay uninvolved in the material.

EL: What is your funniest/most embarrassing childhood memory that you wouldn't mind sharing?

JB: When I was in elementary school, I was a bit of a daredevil. I wondered if I could launch my bike into the air if I rode up the curb into our yard from the road. Unfortunately, I decided to make my maiden voyage at high speed. I had a basket on the front of my bike filled with some toys. When I hit the curb, my bike and I came to a dead halt. A Rubik's cube came flying out of the basket on my bike, up into the air, and toward my face. It knocked out half of my front tooth. To this day, my tooth is still a fake.

EL: What was the craziest thing you did in college you wouldn't mind sharing?

JB: Most people give me a hard time for being one of those "good kids" in college who babysat for most of the faculty's children and stayed out of trouble. I suppose the craziest thing I did was "Polar Bearing." Nothing starts a winter day in Vermont off like a dip in 35 degree water.... clothing optional.

EL: What are your current research interests, and how are students working with you on them?

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SCI & TECH EVENTS CALENDAR

**TUES., DEC. 11 - SUN., DEC. 16:
Final Exam Period**

Good luck on all your exams from the Science and Technology Section!

**MON., DEC. 17 - SUN., JAN. 20:
Winter Recess**

Happy Holidays and best wishes for an enjoyable break from all of us at the Science and Technology Section!

**MONDAY, JAN. 21:
First Day of Spring Semester Classes**

The members of the Science and Tech Section would like to remind you all that the earlier you start studying, the easier your classes will be... sike!

No really, just have a good break and try not to think about it.

Astronomy Events to Look For through the Telescope in 2008

by Elijah LaChance '10
Science & Technology Editor

When most people look up at the sky, they see stars... lots of stars. The astronomer sees something different. The astronomer can identify which of those shiny little dots are actually stars and which are really planets. The astronomer also knows when planets will be closer together and closer to Earth, and also when exciting celestial events such as meteor showers and eclipses are happening anywhere in the world just by looking at a calendar. So if you fancy yourself an amateur astronomer, or just want to impress your friends, here are some dates in the upcoming year you should keep in mind.

February 1 - Conjunction of Venus and Jupiter. The planets Venus and Jupiter will appear only 0.6 degrees apart in the early morning sky. What's that supposed to mean? If you get up really early and look to the east today, you should see Venus and Jupiter closer together than at any other time of the year.

February 7 - Annular Solar Eclipse. Unfortunately, the path of annularity will only be visible over some parts of Antarctica. A partial eclipse will also be visible throughout New Zealand and some parts of eastern Australia, but unless you're on an exotic vacation there won't be much to see tonight.

February 24 - Saturn at Opposition. The ringed planet will be at its closest approach to Earth. Get your telescopes ready, and if you look up tonight you should see Saturn shining brightly.

February 21 - Total Lunar Eclipse. The eclipse will be visible throughout most of the Americas, Africa, and Europe so we should get a good view of the eclipse at around 2 a.m. This eclipse should be one of the most exciting celestial events of the year!

July 9 - Jupiter at Opposition. The giant planet will be at its closest approach to Earth. It's been awhile since the last events, but scientists predict this will be Jupiter's closest approach to Earth in over a decade, so it should be worth it.

August 1 - Total Solar Eclipse. Unfortunately, we'll be missing out on the eclipse action. The path of totality will begin in northern Canada and move east and south through northern Greenland, Siberia, Mongolia, and central China. A partial eclipse will be visible throughout most of Greenland, Europe, and Asia. Nowhere near the Hill.

August 15 - Neptune at Opposition. The blue planet will be at its closest approach to Earth. This is the best time to view Neptune, although it will only appear as a tiny blue dot in all but the most powerful telescopes. Head up to the Observatory for the best view.

August 16 - Partial Lunar Eclipse. The eclipse will be visible throughout most of South America, Europe, Africa, Asia, and Australia, so we miss out again.

December 1 - Conjunction of Moon, Venus, and Jupiter. The crescent moon, Venus, and Jupiter will form a 3-degree triangle in the evening sky. If you head out at about nine o'clock and gaze north, you should see one of the most grandiose and spectacular celestial events 2008 has to offer.

**There are no physicists in the hottest parts of hell, because the existence of a 'hottest part' implies a temperature difference, and any marginally competent physicist would immediately use this to run a heat engine and make some other part of hell comfortably cool. This is obviously impossible.
~Richard Davisson**

PROFESSOR PROFILE
Jean Burr, Psychology

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JB: My current research focuses on young children's social development. In particular, I'm interested in how children's friendships influence their school readiness and academic achievement. Last spring, my lab class and I worked with first and second grade students at Clinton Elementary School. I am also currently working with some of my thesis students to examine the impact of social relationships during the transition to college.

EL: What is your fondest memory from your time at Hamilton?

JB: This is a tricky one, I'd have to say that my fondest memory is either working with the elementary school students as part of my developmental lab course or discussing how "random hook-ups" are part of the transition into adulthood with my child development class

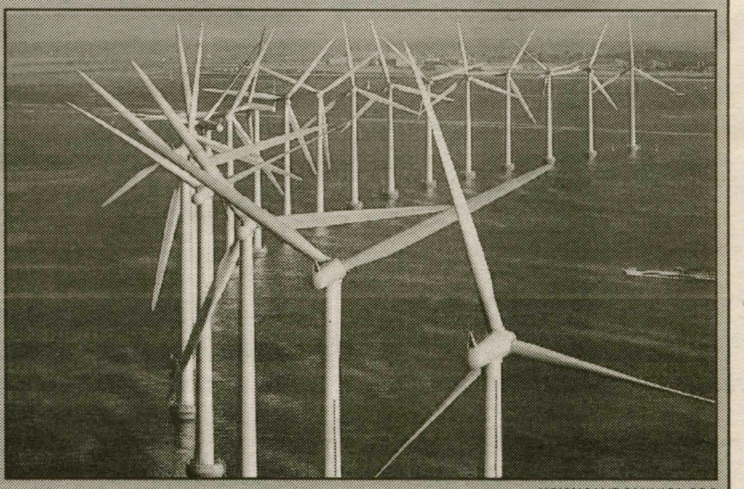
EL: Other than the Science Center, where can students expect to see you on campus?

JB: Running in the Glen, cheering at sporting events, or grabbing lunch in [Soper] Commons.

New Year's Resolutions to Help Save the Planet in 2008

*from **New Year's**, page 16*

made to better the environment. Candidates like democrat Chris Dodd and republican Mike Huckabee agree that the government needs to step in to make sure that everything is being done to protect the environment. Dodd advocates an energy plan that focuses on both global warming and energy independence. Similarly, Huckabee focuses on energy independence on sources that do not have greenhouse gas effects. He encourages the development of alternative energy including nuclear, hydrogen, biodiesel, wind, and solar energy. By putting candidates who understand the need for change in power we can do even more to accomplish the necessary steps to help the environment.



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Many Presidential candidates have made green New Year's resolutions as well, especially to increase use of alternative power sources like wind if they become President in 2008.

These are small steps that can be taken to make 2008 green. By following these steps and voting for politicians with environmentally concerned platforms, we can work to make the future green.

Swim Teams Earn Fourth Place at Championships

Sievers '11 Wins League Swimmer of the Year; Coach T.J. Davis Wins Coach of the Year

by Mallory Reed '10
News Editor

On December 1 and 2, both the Hamilton College Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Teams swam to fourth place finishes at the Liberty League Championships at Union College.

According to Head Coach T.J Davis, "Our whole team had a great attitude and we were tough, resilient, and positive" in the most competitive Liberty League Championship he has seen in 13 years of experience.

Hamilton took home numerous awards at the two-day championship meet. The Hamilton College coaching staff, including Davis, Tim Kearney '07, Tom Wells, Dave Thompson, Ava Massoud, and Jim Ray, was named the 2007 Liberty League Coaching Staff of the Year. This was the third time Davis has won this award in the last six years and he said that it was an "honor to have our peers recognize our work as a team." Upon receiving the award Davis immediately thanked the student athletes.

Two first year male swimmers were recognized for stellar swimming performances at the Liberty League Championship Meet. Bowie Sievers '11 and Jake DeConinck '11 were the top two swimmers of the meet, respectively. Sievers was named Liberty League Men's Swimmer of the Year while DeConinck was selected as the Liberty League Men's Rookie of the Year.

Sievers won four individual events and contributed in two winning relays. He took the 400-yard individual medley with a time of 4:16.49, the 200-yard individual medley in 158.80, the 100-yard butterfly in 53.58, and the 200-yard butterfly in 1:57.19. DeConinck won the 100-yard and 200-yard freestyle events with times of 48.20 seconds and 1:46.42. He also captured seventh place in the 100-yard backstroke in a time of 56.14.

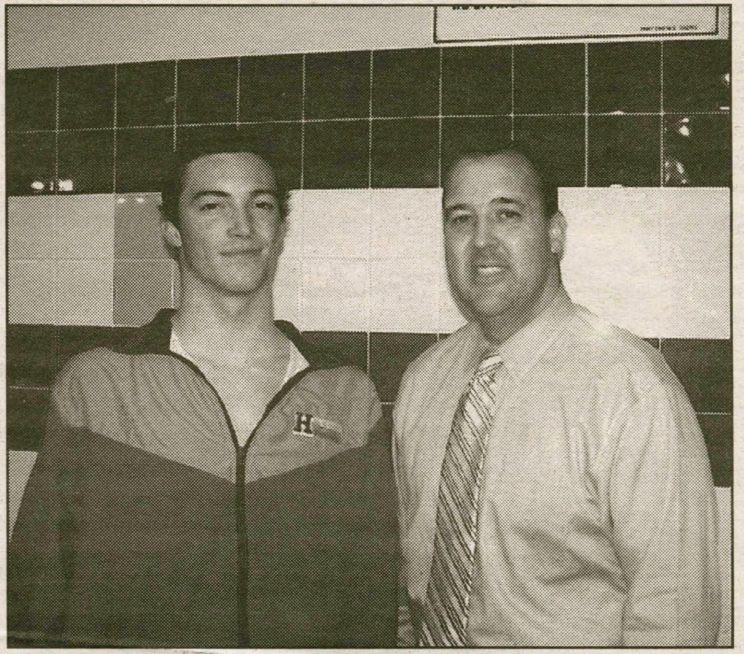
Sievers joined Todd Johnson '08, Jared Mereness '10, and Alex Paridon '09 to take first place in the 200-medley relay in 1:39.70. Sievers, DeConinck, Johnson, and Mereness joined to capture the 400-medley relay in a time of 3:35.54. Johnson swam to first place in both the 100-yard and 200-yard backstroke events in times of 52.98 seconds and 1:56.53, respectively.

On the springboard, Zak Krassin '11 took fourth place on the 1-meter board with 332 points. The Hamilton Men's Swimming and Diving Team finished in fourth place overall in a competitive pool of eight Liberty League teams.

Whitney Rosenbaum '10 led the Hamilton Women's Swimming and Diving Team with three individual wins. Rosenbaum was the second leading scorer of the meet after Emily Love '09 of Vassar College. Rosenbaum swam to victory in the 100-yard butterfly in a time of 1:01.25 seconds, the 200-yard butterfly in 2:13.76, and the 200-yard freestyle in 2:00.05.

Kate Rack '11 led a strong Hamilton finish in the 100-yard breaststroke, capturing second place in 1:11.26. Eve Stevens followed for Hamilton in fourth place in 1:12.17 and Liz Bucceri '11 was sixth in 1:12.70. Stevens also swam to fifth place in the 200-yard breaststroke in 2:36.41 and Bucceri finished fourth in the 200-yard freestyle in a time of 2:01.60.

Kylie Fraser '11 was another strong first-year contributor to the Hamilton Swimming effort as she finished in the top six in three events. Fraser took fourth place in the 200-yard backstroke in 2:15.11 and the 200-yard butterfly in 2:19.27, and captured sixth place in the 400-yard individual medley in 4:59.61. The Hamilton Women's Swimming and Diving Team swam to a fourth place finish out of nine strong Liberty League Teams.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Sievers '11 is Liberty League Men's Swimmer of the Year.

Coach Davis said, "I'm extremely excited about where we are as a team, and even more excited about where we are going." He added, "We are going to continue to get faster and get smarter while maintaining a positive energy and attitude."

The Hamilton Swimming and Diving Team will take on Amherst College at home at Bristol Pool on January 5 at 2 p.m. The team will then embark on a high-intensity training trip to Puerto Rico over Winter Break. Let's go blue!

Intramural Sport Update

by Sharfi Farhana '09
Advertisements Manager

The Intramural Committee would like to announce a smooth completion of the fall sports and an enthusiastic start to the winter activities. Offered this quarter are Ice Hockey, Volleyball, Indoor Soccer, and Basketball. Participation this semester has surpassed all others in the past decade. The Committee attributes this new level of activity to the Intramural website. "The website is the reason I have been attending so many more games. The preseason schedule really helps me organize my time and make it to matches" states player Jacob Murray '09.

A new step to further decrease forfeits is being implemented. Starting next semester, an IM Sports hotline will be available to all players on the roster. This way, players can check the date and time of their games even if they are not around a computer.

Also starting next semester, the committee will try to increase faculty participation. Faculty sports leagues will be encouraged and they will be invited to weekly tournaments.

The Committee values the feedback of everyone on campus. For consideration of any new ideas, please e-mail imsports@hamilton.edu.

SEASON STANDINGS

League A Hockey

Team	W	L
Hamilton Filth Liners	3	1
Hot Peads Hockey	3	1
Stan Mitkas Donuts	2	2
HYKDUSTERS	1	3
DU	0	3
Dirty Dawgs	0	3

League A Basketball

Team	W	L
7th Floor Crew	3	1
DU	3	1
Team Dickey Simpkins	2	1
Soldier Boys	2	2
The Carter	2	1
Top Gun	1	0

League A Soccer

Team	W	L
Ramrod	2	1
FC Awesome	2	1
Delmundo	2	0
Bad Newz Kennels	1	2
FC Dangle	1	2
Off in the Woods	0	0
FC Sanchez	0	2
Dirty Dunham	0	3
Waffle Fries For Free	0	3

Do you watch Sportscenter four times a day?

Support the Continentals at every home game?

Write for Spec Sports!

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SPECTATOR SPORTS

December 7, 2007

Men's Hockey Team Hopes to Improve Record

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both scored for the Continentals in the first two periods, while freshmen Joe Buicko scored his first collegiate goal for the Continentals in the third period. The game was settled in overtime when the Pioneers popped in a goal with roughly a minute remaining.

Over Thanksgiving Break, they played in the Babson Invitationl, where they went up against Curry College, and again there were breakdowns in defensive coverage that resulted in a 3-1 loss. The next day Hamilton played SUNY Potsdam where superior conditioning and systems work resulted in a 2-0 victory. Coach Dawes commented on the season up to this point, saying, "So for this season we have struggled with consistency, at both ends of the ice. Defensively we need to become more sound and offensively guys need to step up and produce." After the teams first win, they went into practice feeling as if a weight had been lifted off their shoulders.

The team travelled to Norwich last weekend where they met a determined and skilled Norwich squad. The Continentals lost to Norwich 9-3, many players commented that there were breakdowns that can't happen if you want to win hockey games. After a tough loss, the team went to St. Michael's. Tired and run down the Continentals fell to St. Mikes 6-4. Captain Kyle Roulston '09 commented, "It has been an embarrassing start for the guys. We came into the season expecting more…demanding more. All the players are dedicated completely to winning. We have to go out and execute our game plan each day."

Jerome Wallace '10 currently leads the team in points with six and scoring with four goals. The players are enthusiastic and will continue to fight each game for the win. Defenseman Kevin Osbourne '09 said, "We started off slow this year, but there is no question that with the level of commitment and skill on this team that it is just a matter of time until we are on the winning end of future games."

The coaching staff credits the team with working hard day in and day out, but realizes that the players must play with heart and for a full game. Coach Grady commented, "The win this season came when the guys played all 60 minutes. Each loss was the result of gaps in the game where we didn't have the attitude to win. Winning at the college level requires the skill and speed that we possess, but it also requires an attitude where the athletes' only acceptable result is a win." Coach Grady became one of few coaches in the history of DIII hockey to achieve 300 wins.

Each game to date has seen the Continentals play hard, getting better each time they step on the ice. With the winter break around the corner, the Men's hockey team is looking forward to resting up for the many games they have when they head back to campus in early January to bring the Rage back to the Sage.

The Hamilton College Men's hockey team and the Hamilton community would like to take this opportunity again to thank the organizers of the Hockeytown event. It was a terrifically run and the fan support was great to see. Thank you again for you time and effort in organizing an event that will help so many.

PHOTO COURTESY OF JOHN HUBBARD

Travis Blood '09 has two points so far this season.

This Weekend in Hamilton Athletics:

Friday 12/7:
Basketball (W) @ University of Scranton

Saturday 12/8:
Basketball (W) v. Baruch @ University of Scranton
Basketball (M) @ Middlebury
Ice Hockey (W) v. Neumann

Saturday 12/29:
Basketball (M) v. Elms @ Rees Jewlers Christmas Classic

Friday 1/4:
Basketball (M) v. SUNY Brockport
Basketball (W) v. SUNY Brockport @Juniata College Holiday Tournament

Go Blue!

Women's Hockey Rebounds

by Brandon Leibsohn '10
Sports Editor

The Women's Ice Hockey Team has played well through the opening stretch of their season. Despite the lack of wins, the team has put together solid performances against tough competition. Through four games in conference play, Hamilton has only lost to the first and third best teams in the NESCAC. Therefore, there is no need for the team to panic. They still have 12 more games against conference opponents, eight of which will be played at Hamilton in Sage Rink.

To start conference play, the Continentals went on the road to take on Williams College on November 24. Hamilton went into a hostile environment and came out with a decisive 2-1 victory. The score remained close for the majority of the game. Lauren Tomford '10 showed why she is one of the team's clutch players as she scored both goals in the game. In the first period, Stephanie Miguel '11 passed the puck to Tomford for an easy shot on goal.

Yet, the Continentals could not hold onto their lead and ended up giving the tying score 52 seconds later. Tomford was able to score again late in the third period, putting the team up on top for good. Meg Shine '10 started in net for the second time during the season and did not disappoint. Despite facing 40 shots, she was able to control the game by making save after save. Williams put the pressure on after Tomford scored the second goal, but Shine did not allow any of their opponents' 14 shots to get past her.

The next day, the team faced Middlebury College. This game got out of hand early on, giving the Continentals little chance to recover. Within a matter of one minute, Hamilton went from being tied to down two goals. They ended up losing by the score of 9-0 to their nationally ranked opponent. The offensive unit was not able to get shots on goal and that hurt the team's ability to control the puck and dictate the pace.

Trinity came to Sage Rink to play a back-to-back two game series, on November 30 and December 1. The Continentals got back on track and looked good during the first period. Christie Sharlow '11 capitalized on a mistake from Trinity and knocked in a rebound shot. Tomford scored minutes later for her third goal of the season.

However, the team could not hold onto the lead. Hamilton ended up giving Trinity too many power play opportunities and these came back to haunt the Continentals. Trinity scored two goals in the third period to take a 3-2 lead off of the power play. With only a minute remaining and only down by one goal, Shine was removed from the net to try and create an offensive opportunity. Trinity did not let this happen and ended up scoring two more times to give Hamilton a 2-5 loss.

Coming off of the defeat, the Continentals knew that they could compete with Trinity. They built up another two-goal lead in the first period. Tomford continued her point streak with a goal and an assist during this period. Kathryn Kroleski '09 connected on an assist from Tomford. Yet, Trinity was able to have success again on the power play and tied the score early in the second period. The game remained close until the end of the third period when Trinity scored two late goals to put them on top, 4-2.

On December 5, the team hosted Utica in a thriller. The game went into overtime where the Continentals came out on top by the score of 3-2. Tomford and Amy Allen '10 scored during regulation to force the overtime session. Sharlow took control during the extra period. She was left all alone on the final possession and she did not disappoint.

With many games still to be played, the Continentals can definitely turn their season around and earn a chance to compete in the NESCAC Championships, which will take place in the beginning of March.. Be sure to come out and support the Continentals in their final home game of the semester. Hamilton will take on Neumann College at 3 p.m. on Saturday in Sage Rink.